

# THE COMING REVOLUTIONS IN PARTICLE PHYSICS

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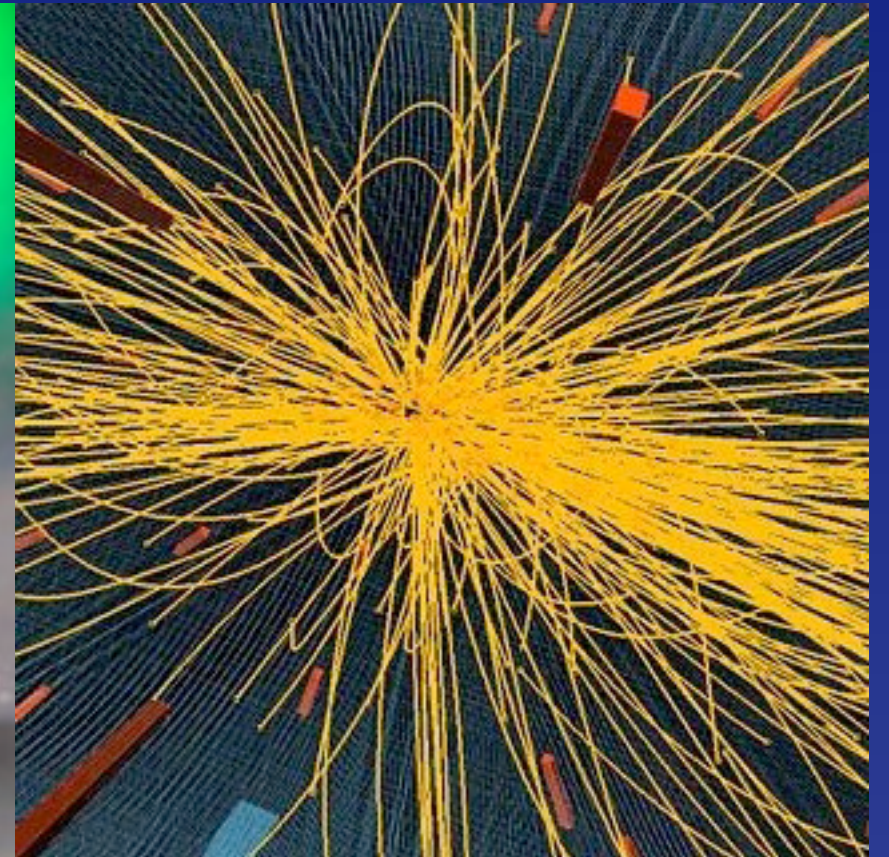
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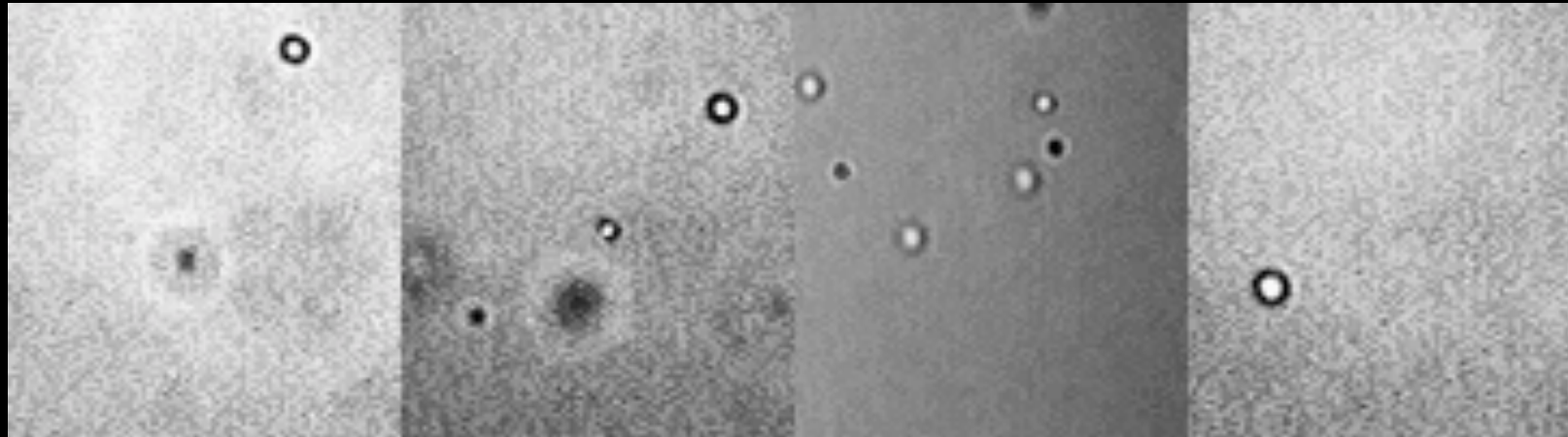


# Atoms became real in the 20th century

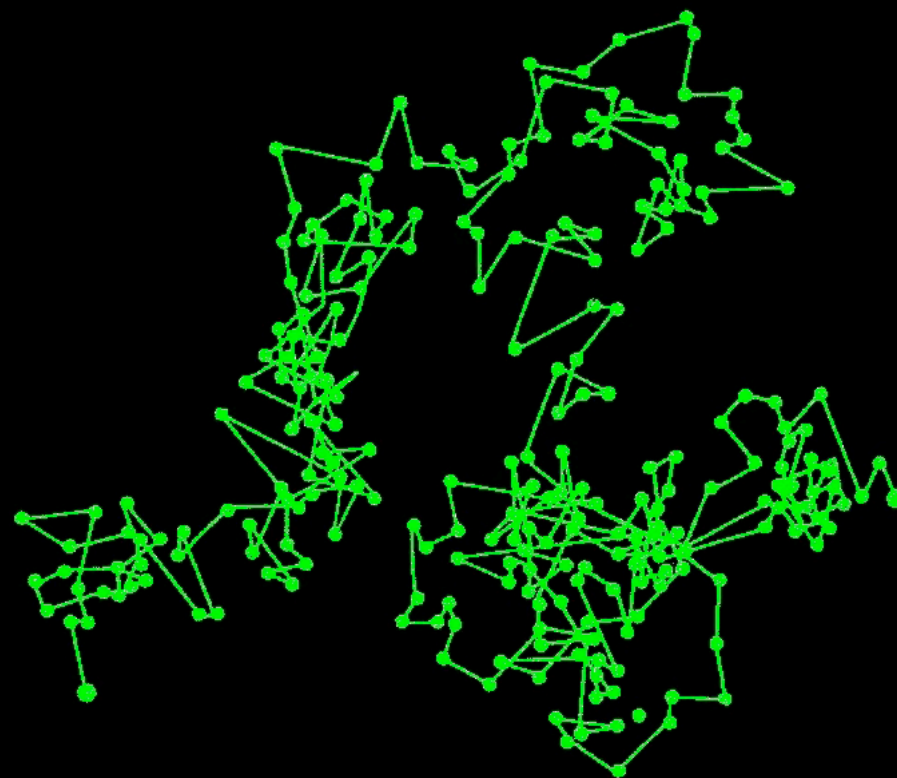


# To explain a complicated visible by a simple invisible

Jean Perrin



Eric Weeks, Emory U.







**5. Über die von der molekularkinetischen Theorie  
der Wärme geforderte Bewegung von in ruhenden  
Flüssigkeiten suspendierten Teilchen;  
von A. Einstein.**

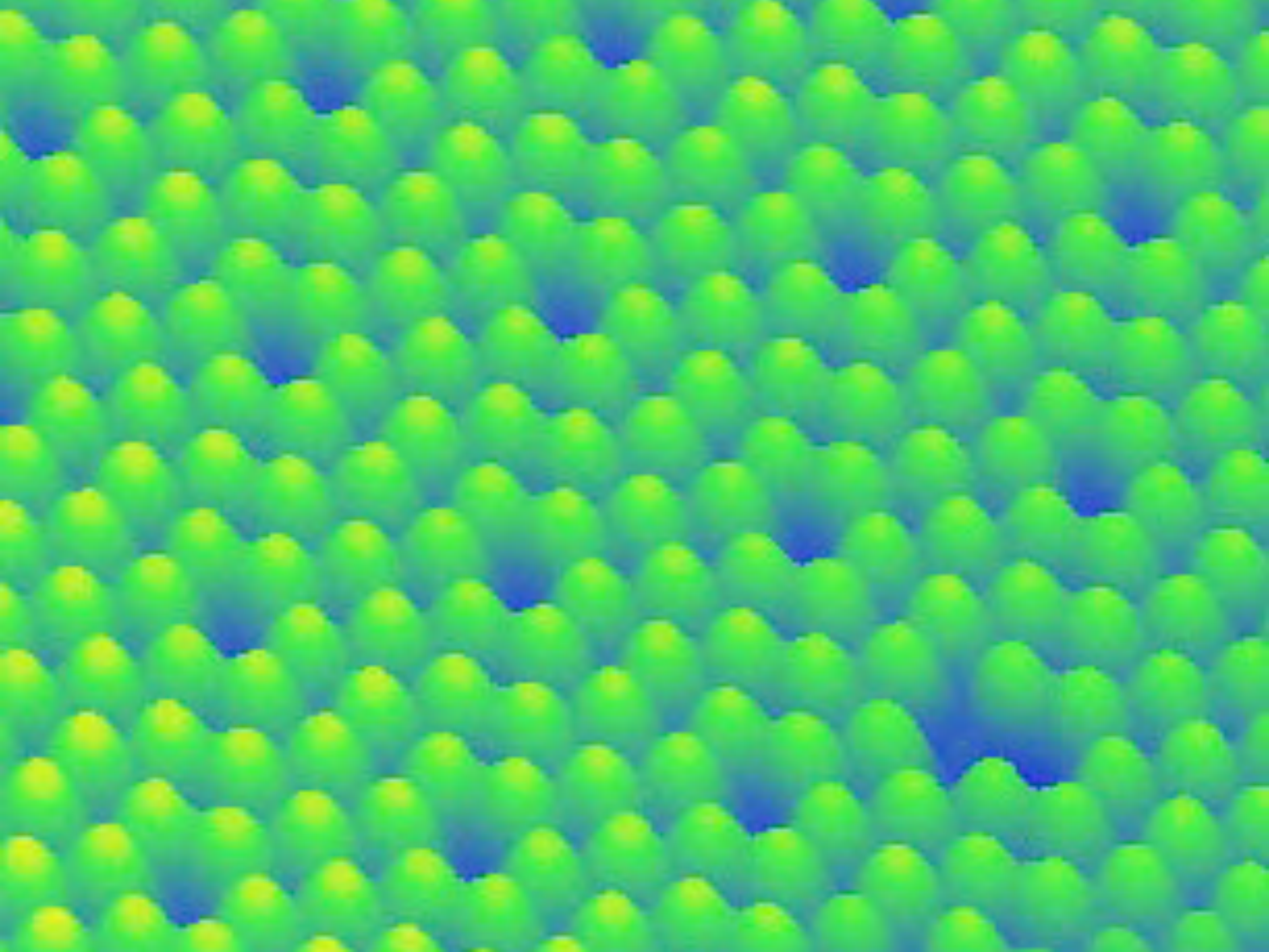
In dieser Arbeit soll gezeigt werden, daß nach der molekularkinetischen Theorie der Wärme in Flüssigkeiten suspendierte Körper von mikroskopisch sichtbarer Größe infolge der Molekularbewegung der Wärme Bewegungen von solcher Größe ausführen müssen, daß diese Bewegungen leicht mit dem Mikroskop nachgewiesen werden können. Es ist möglich, daß die hier zu behandelnden Bewegungen mit der sogenannten „Brownschen Molekularbewegung“ identisch sind; die mir erreichbaren Angaben über letztere sind jedoch so ungenau, daß ich mir hierüber kein Urteil bilden konnte.

Wenn sich die hier zu behandelnde Bewegung samt den für sie zu erwartenden Gesetzmäßigkeiten wirklich beobachten läßt, so ist die klassische Thermodynamik schon für mikroskopisch unterscheidbare Räume nicht mehr als genau gültig anzusehen und es ist dann eine exakte Bestimmung der wahren Atomgröße möglich. Erwiese sich umgekehrt die Voraussage dieser Bewegung als unzutreffend, so wäre damit ein schwerwiegendes Argument gegen die molekularkinetische Auffassung der Wärme gegeben.

**§ 1. Über den suspendierten Teilchen zuschreibenden  
osmotischen Druck.**

Im Teilvolumen  $V^*$  einer Flüssigkeit vom Gesamtvolumen  $V$  seien  $x$ -Gramm-Moleküle eines Nichtelektrolyten gelöst. Ist das Volumen  $V^*$  durch eine für das Lösungsmittel, nicht aber für die gelöste Substanz durchlässige Wand vom reinen Lösungs-







All things are made of atoms—little particles  
that move around in perpetual motion,  
attracting each other when they are  
a little distance apart,  
but repelling upon being squeezed  
into one another.

—Richard Feynman, *Six Easy Pieces*

# *Quantum Mechanics*

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu}\nabla^2\Psi(\mathbf{r}) + [V(\mathbf{r}) - E]\Psi(\mathbf{r}) = 0$$



# Great Lesson of XX<sup>th</sup> Century Science

The human scale of space & time is not  
privileged for understanding Nature ...  
and may even be disadvantaged

# The world's most powerful microscopes

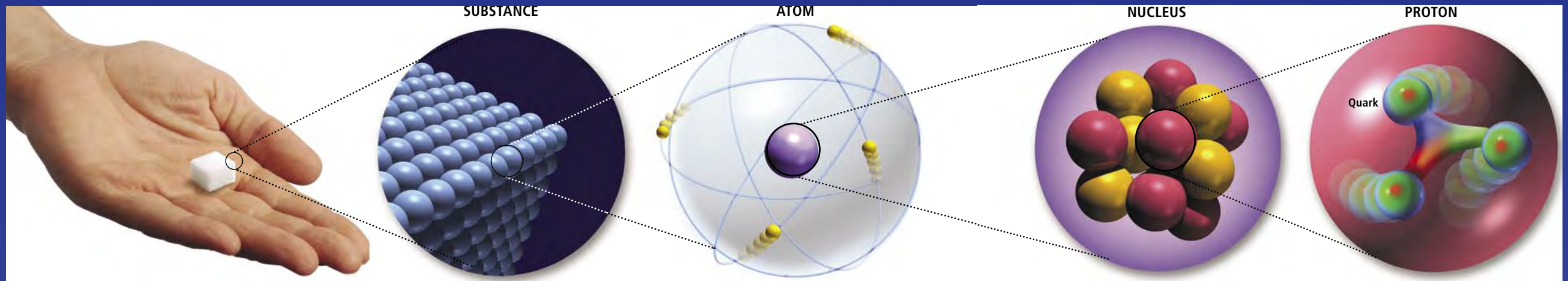
Tevatron collider at Fermilab

protons on antiprotons at 1+1 TeV

speed of light:  $c \approx 10^9$  km/h (30 cm/nanosecond)

speed of proton:  $c - 495$  km/h

Protons pass my window 45,000 times / second  
>10 million collisions per second



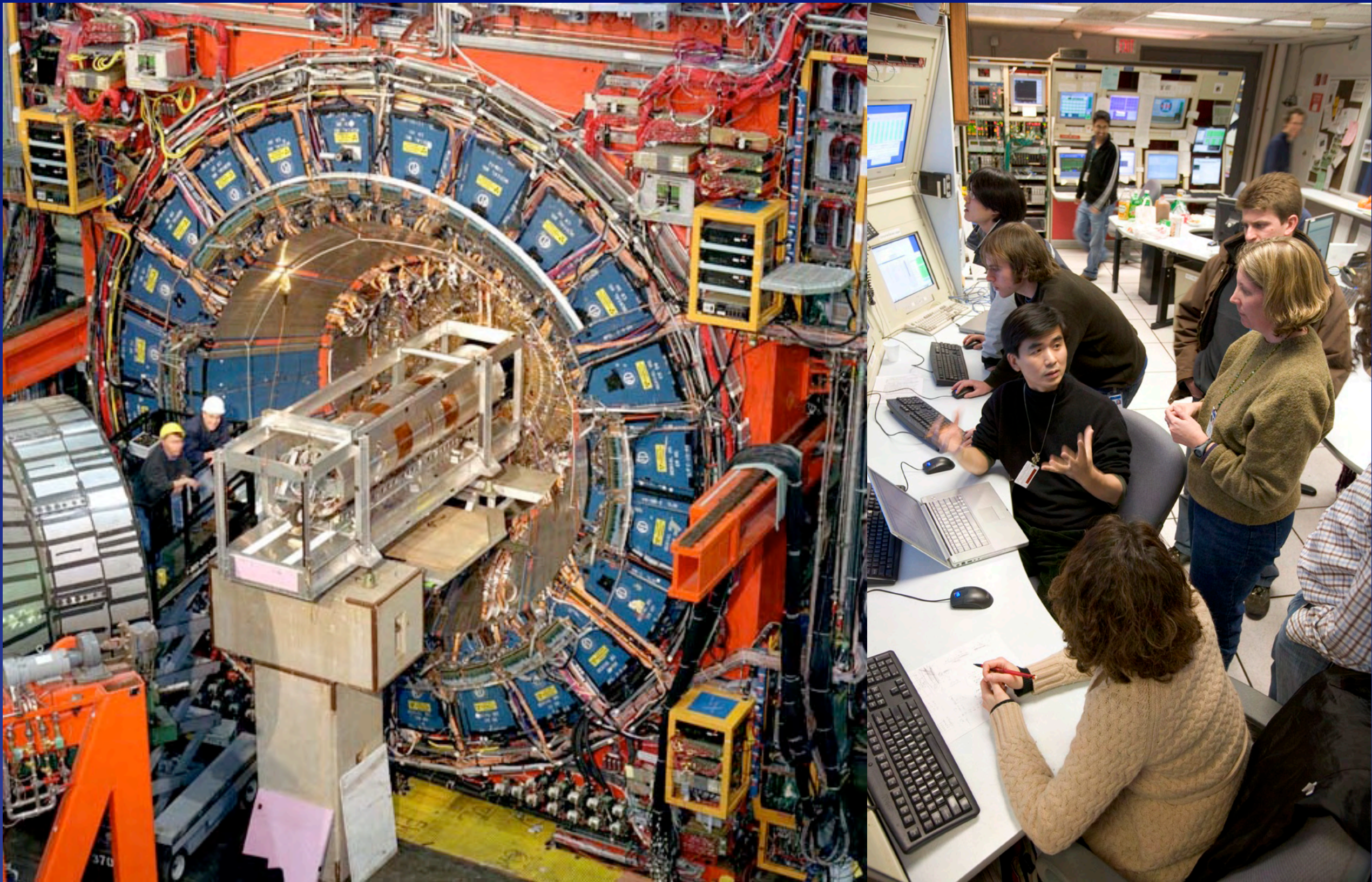




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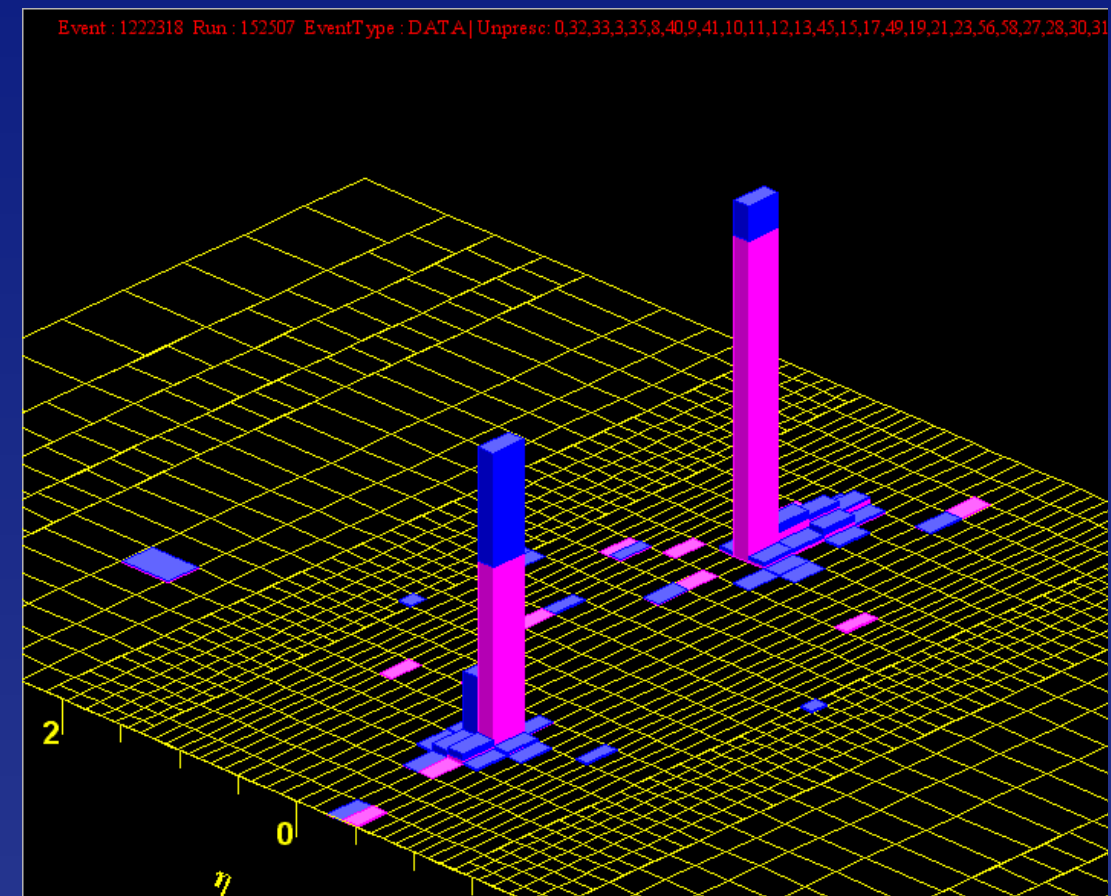
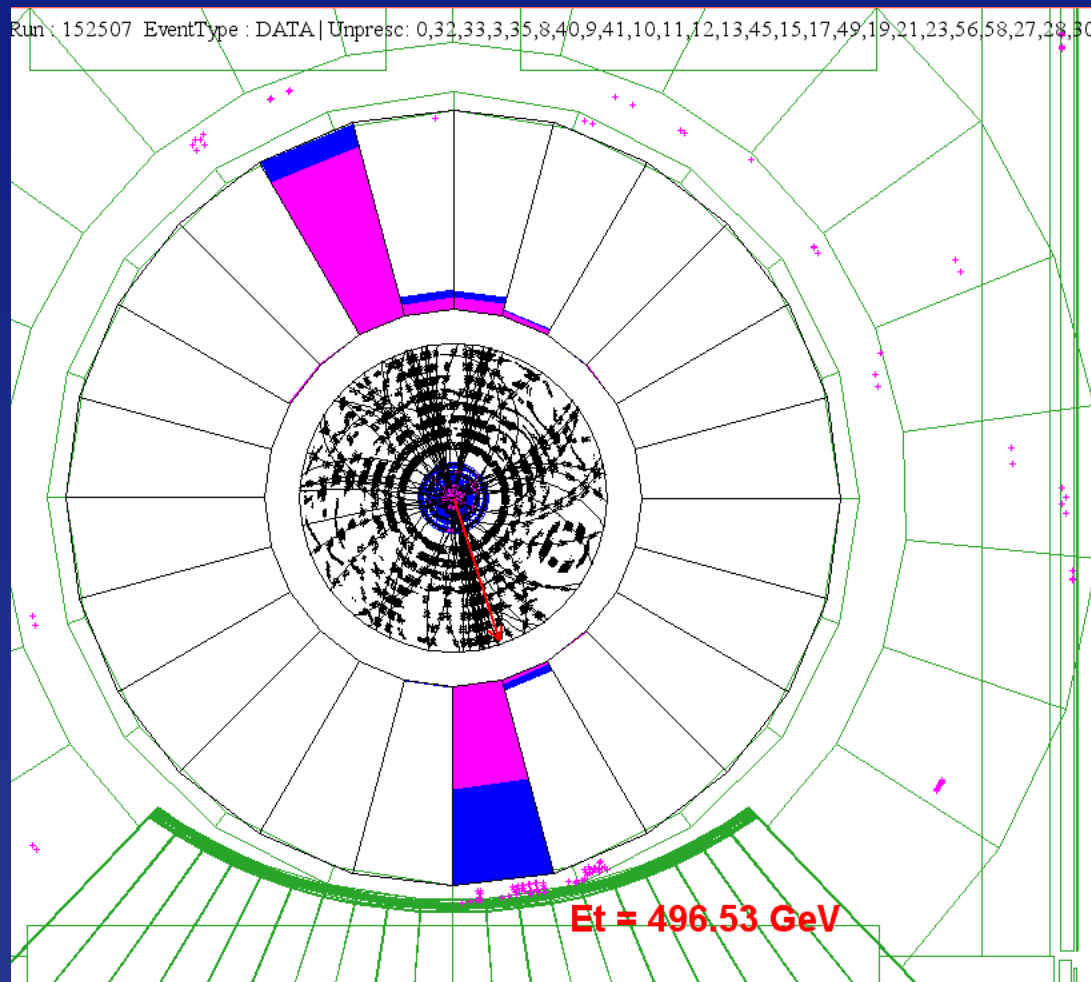
# CDF Experiment





# The World's Most Powerful Microscopes

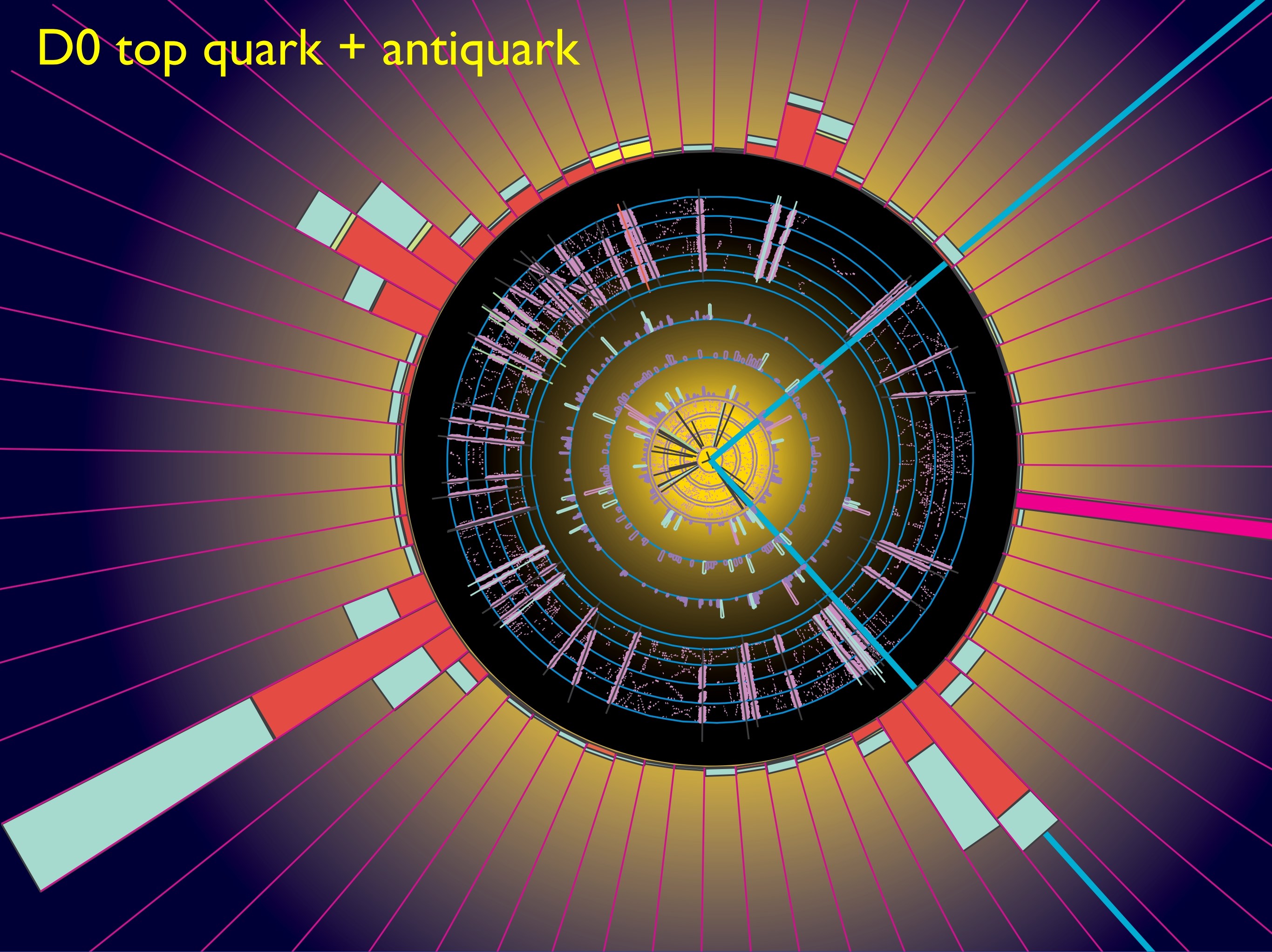
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CDF two-jet event (70% of energy  $\perp$  beam direction)

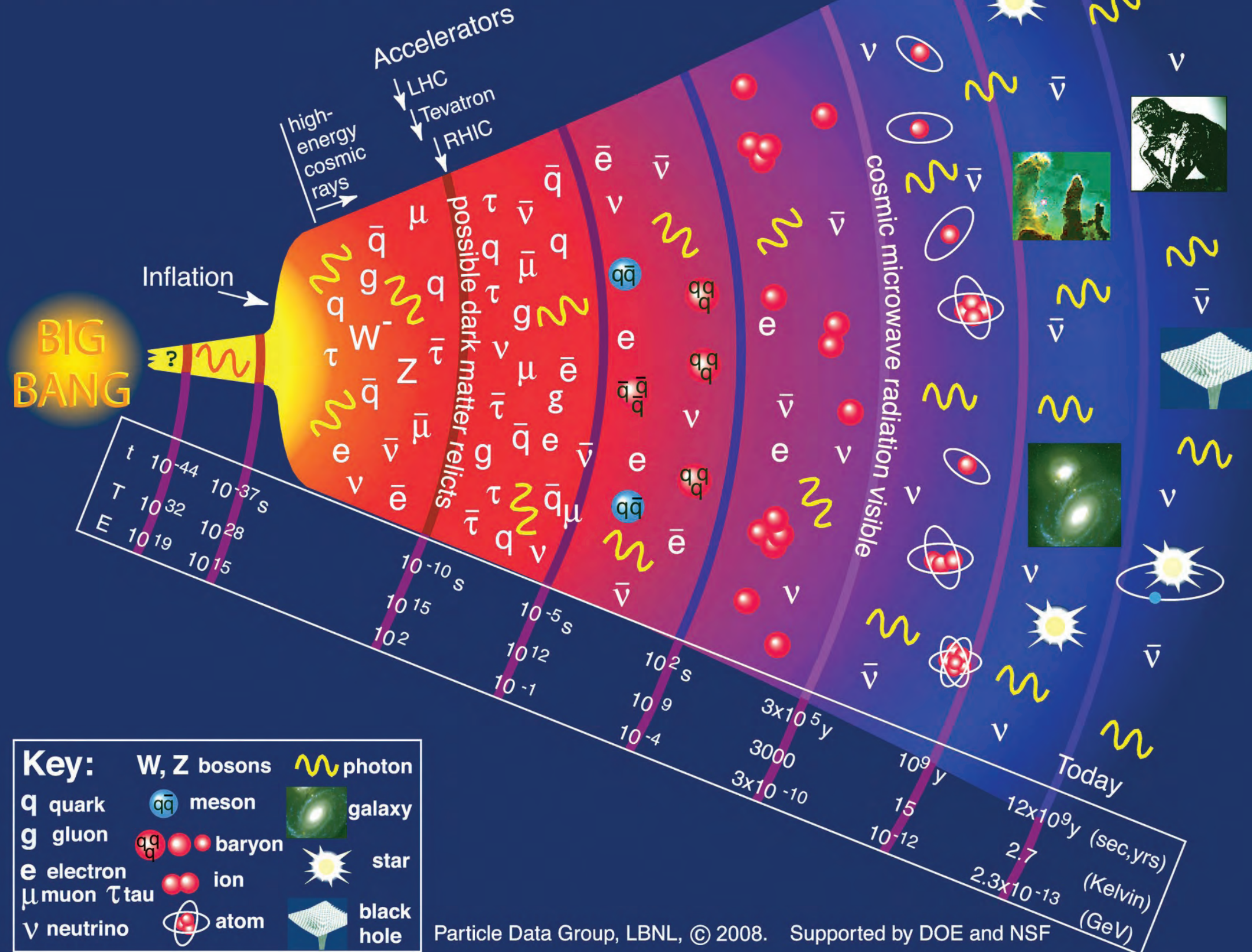
quark + antiquark  $\rightarrow$  jet + jet

# D0 top quark + antiquark





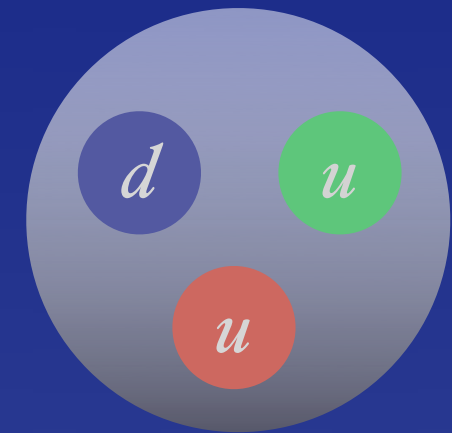
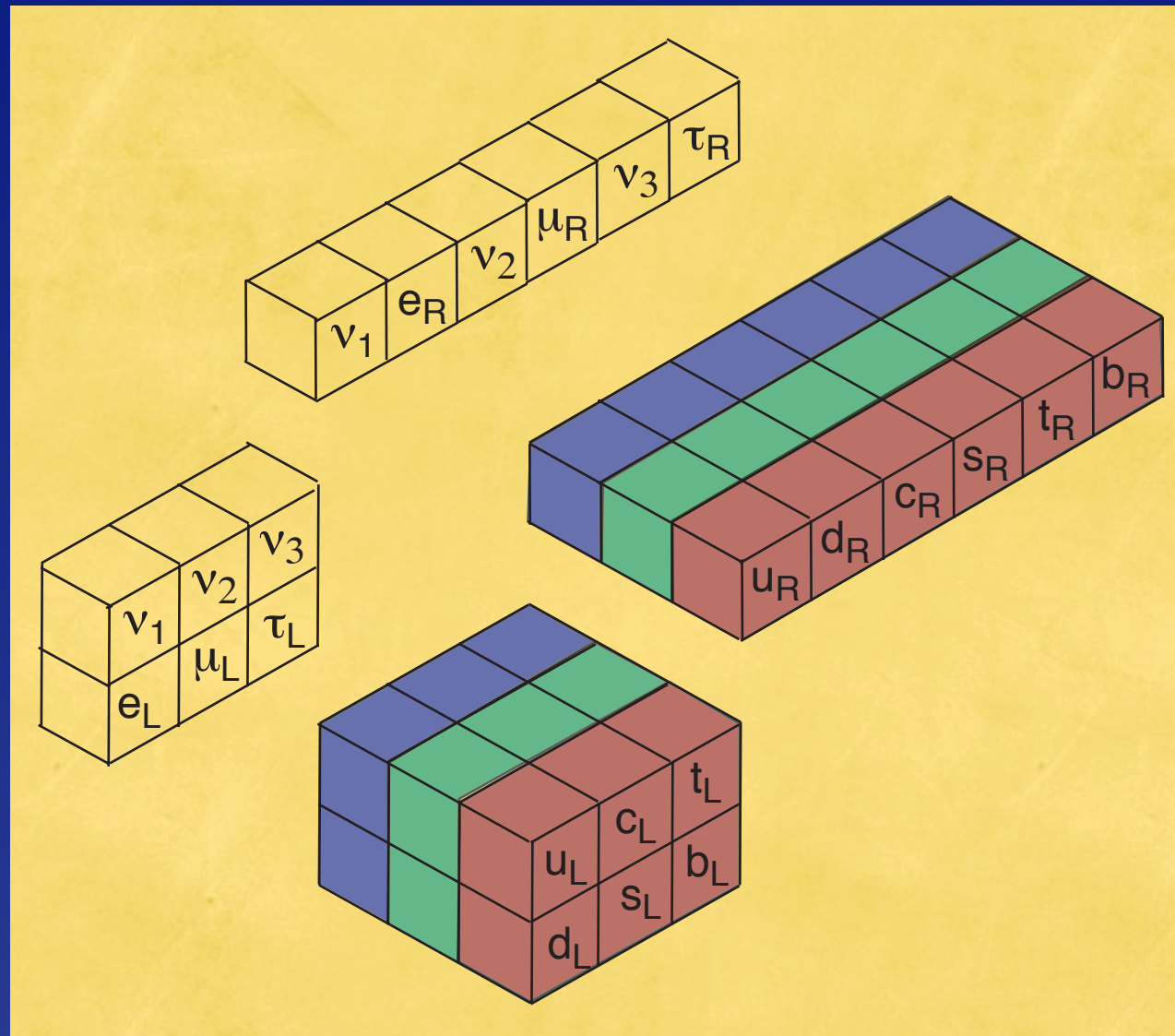
# Accelerators as time machines ...





# Our Picture of Matter (the revolution just past)

Pointlike ( $r \leq 10^{-18}$  m) quarks and leptons



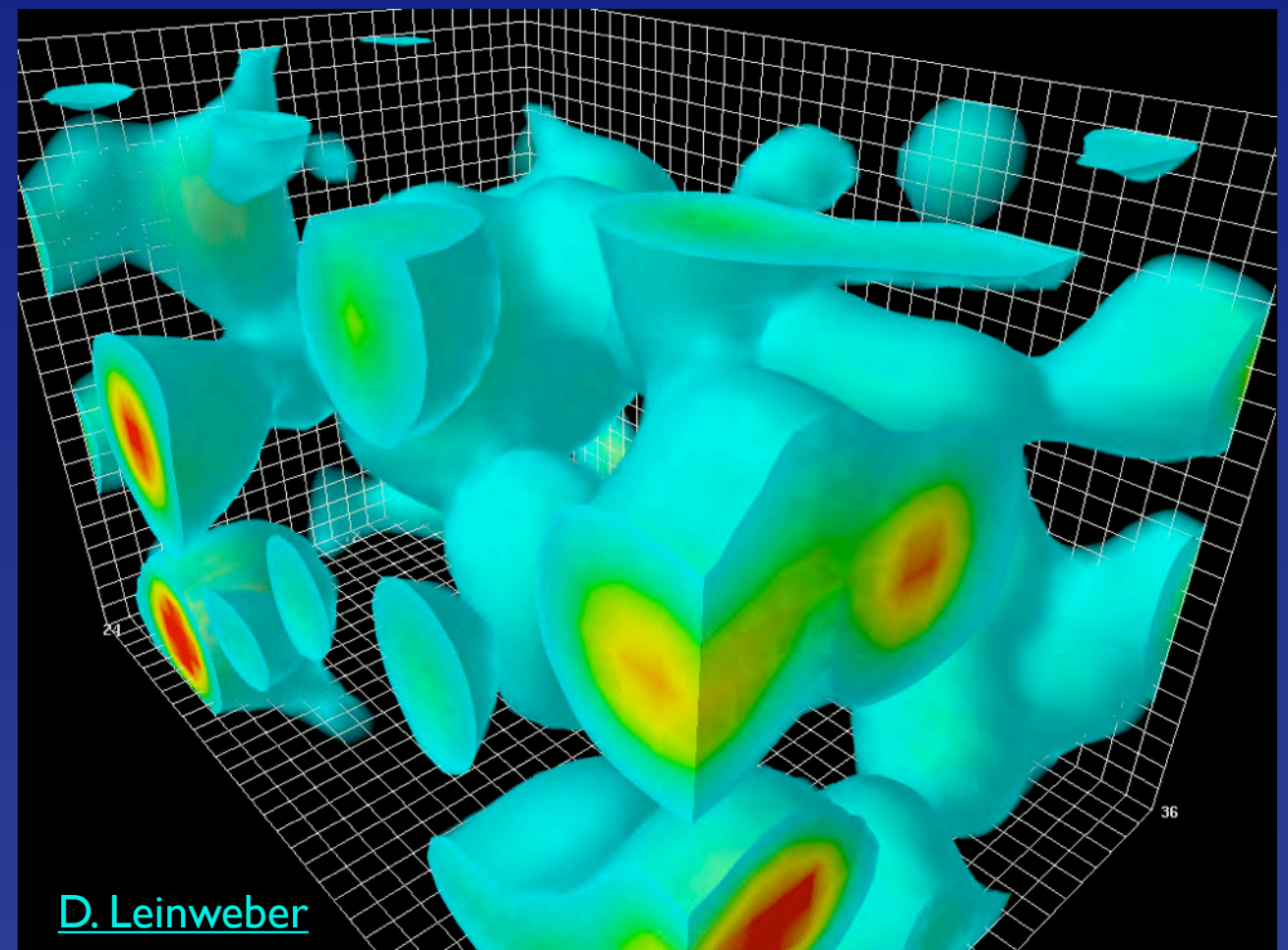
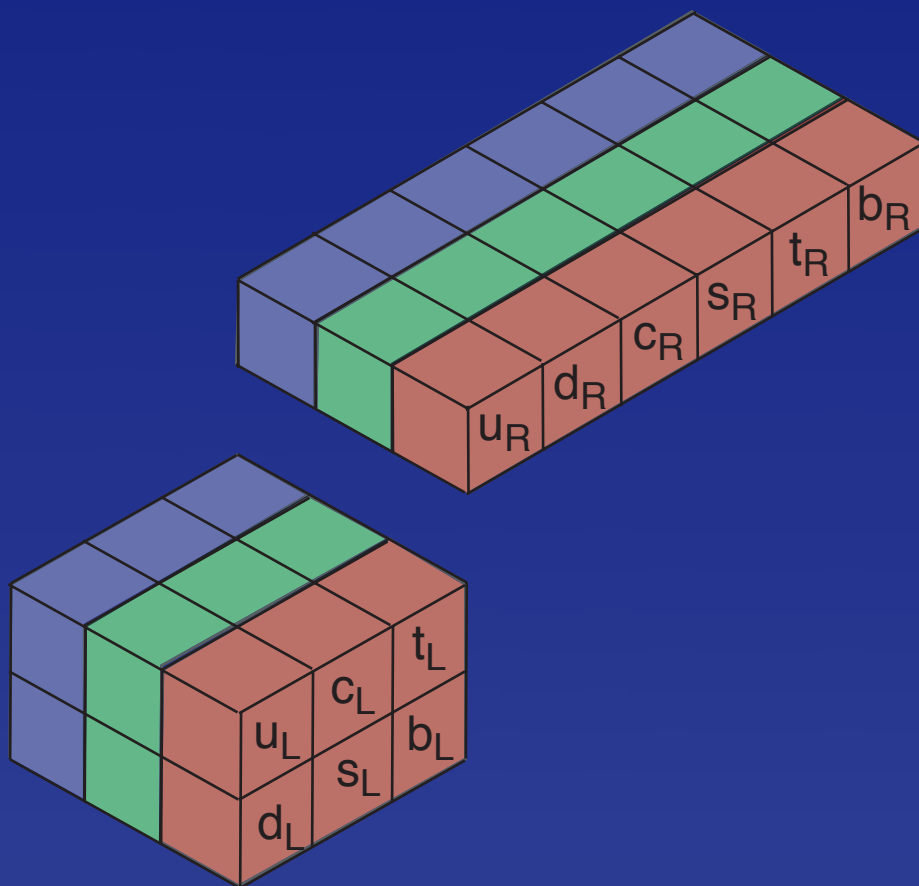
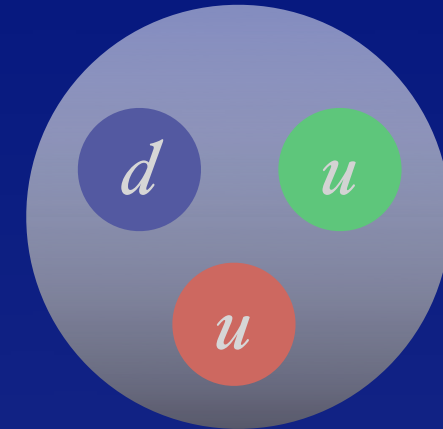
Gravitation, electromagnetism, radioactivity, strong interaction

# New Law of Nature #1

Quantum chromodynamics (QCD):  
color symmetry among quarks

red · green · blue

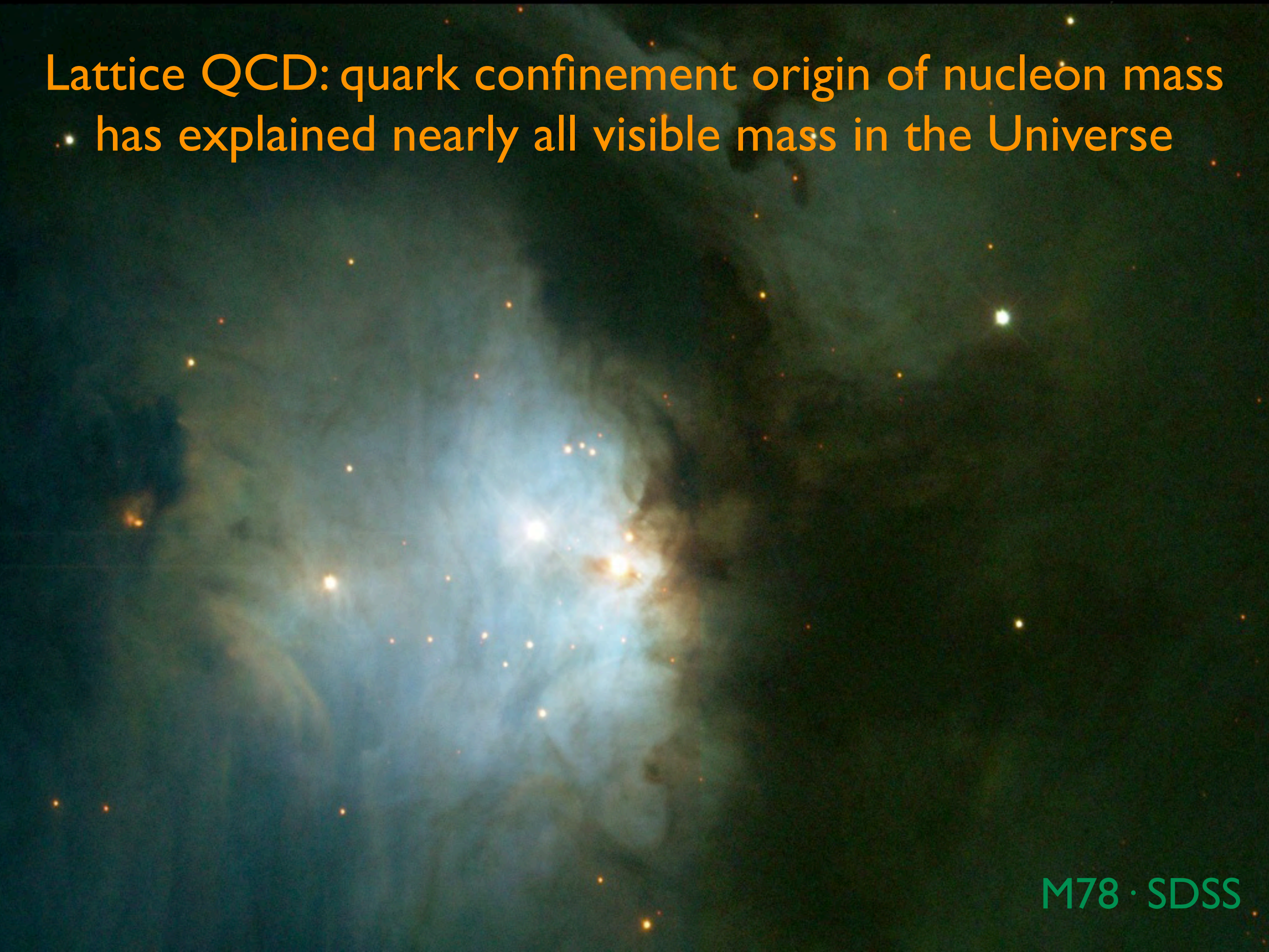
gluons



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Lattice QCD: quark confinement origin of nucleon mass  
has explained nearly all visible mass in the Universe



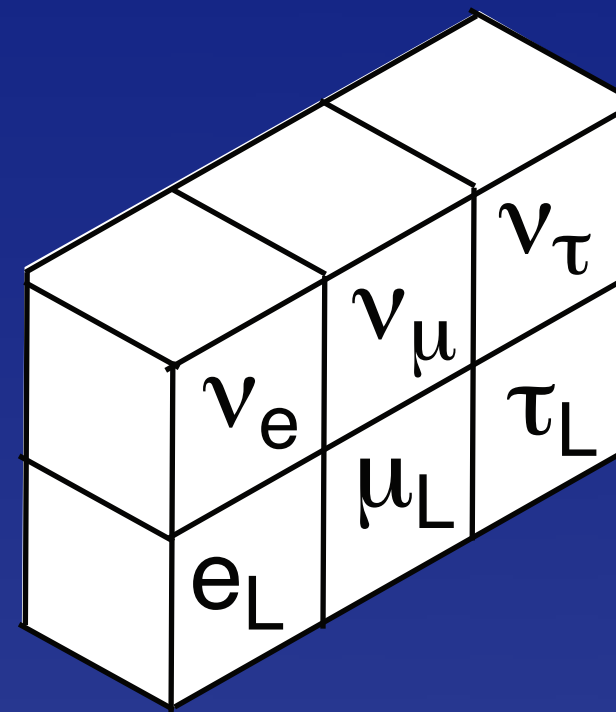
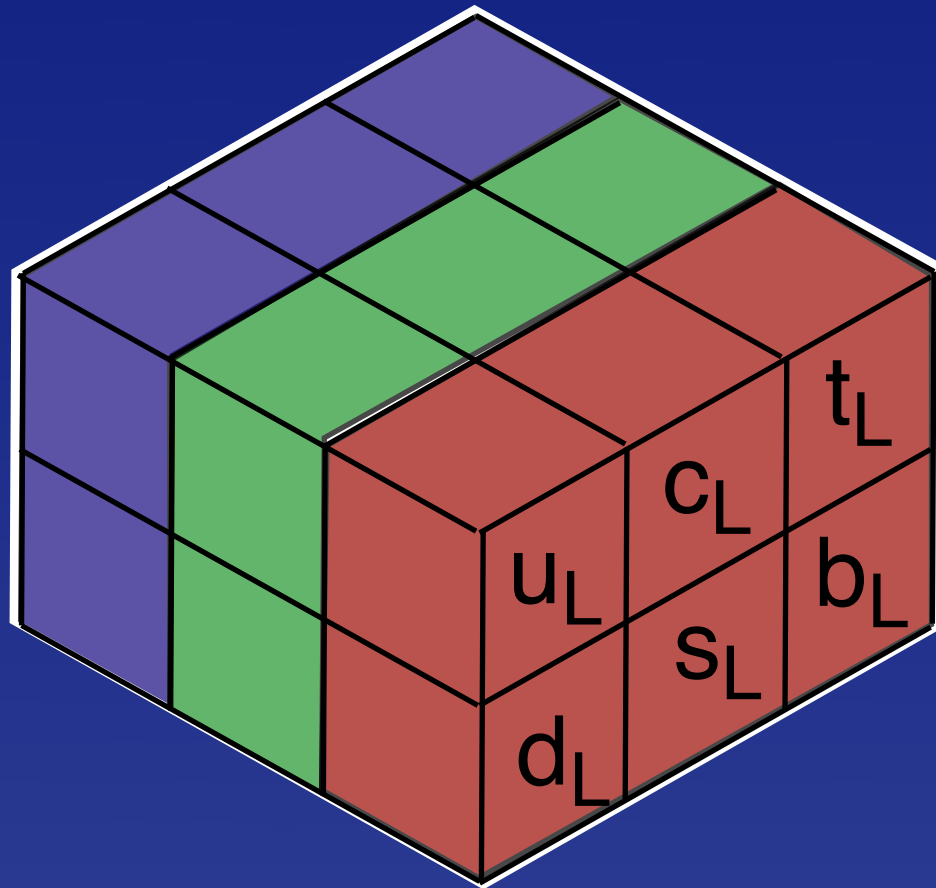
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# New Law of Nature #2

Electroweak theory:  
family symmetry  
 $u \leftrightarrow d ; \nu \leftrightarrow e ; \dots$

*weak bosons ( $W^+, W^-, Z^0$ ) + photon*



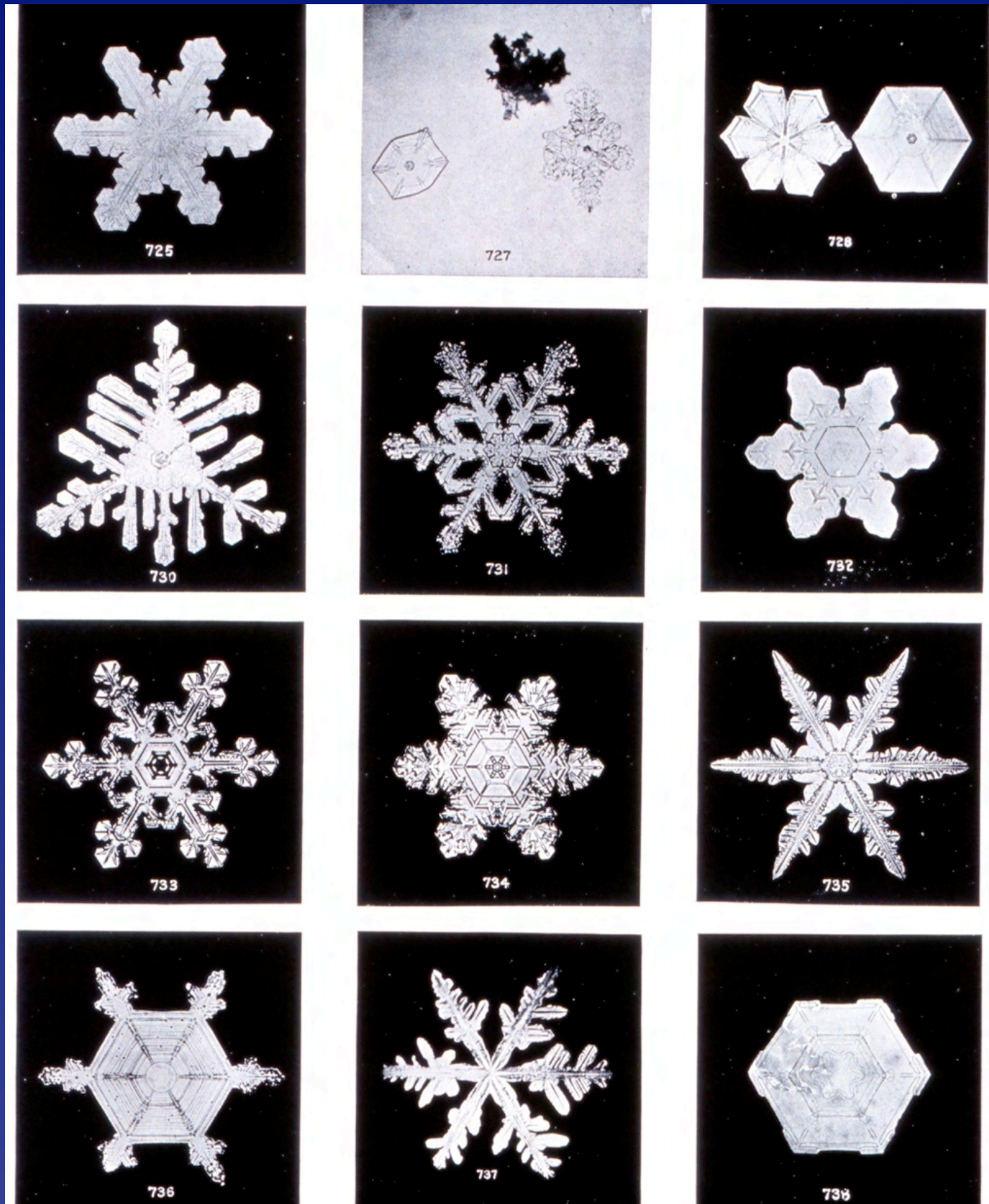
# Weak interactions, electromagnetism seem so different ...

Weak	Electromagnetic
range: 1% proton size	infinite range
$W$ : $90 \times$ proton mass	massless photon

How can they share a common origin (symmetry)?



# Symmetry of laws $\nRightarrow$ symmetry of outcomes



*Studies among the Snow Crystals ... by Wilson Bentley, via NOAA Photo Library*



# Meissner Effect hidden EM symmetry









Superconductivity suggests  
a field that permeates all of space  
could hide electroweak symmetry



*Peter Higgs*

*+ R. Brout, F. Englert, G. Guralnik, R. Hagen, T. Kibble*

## “Standard” Electroweak Theory

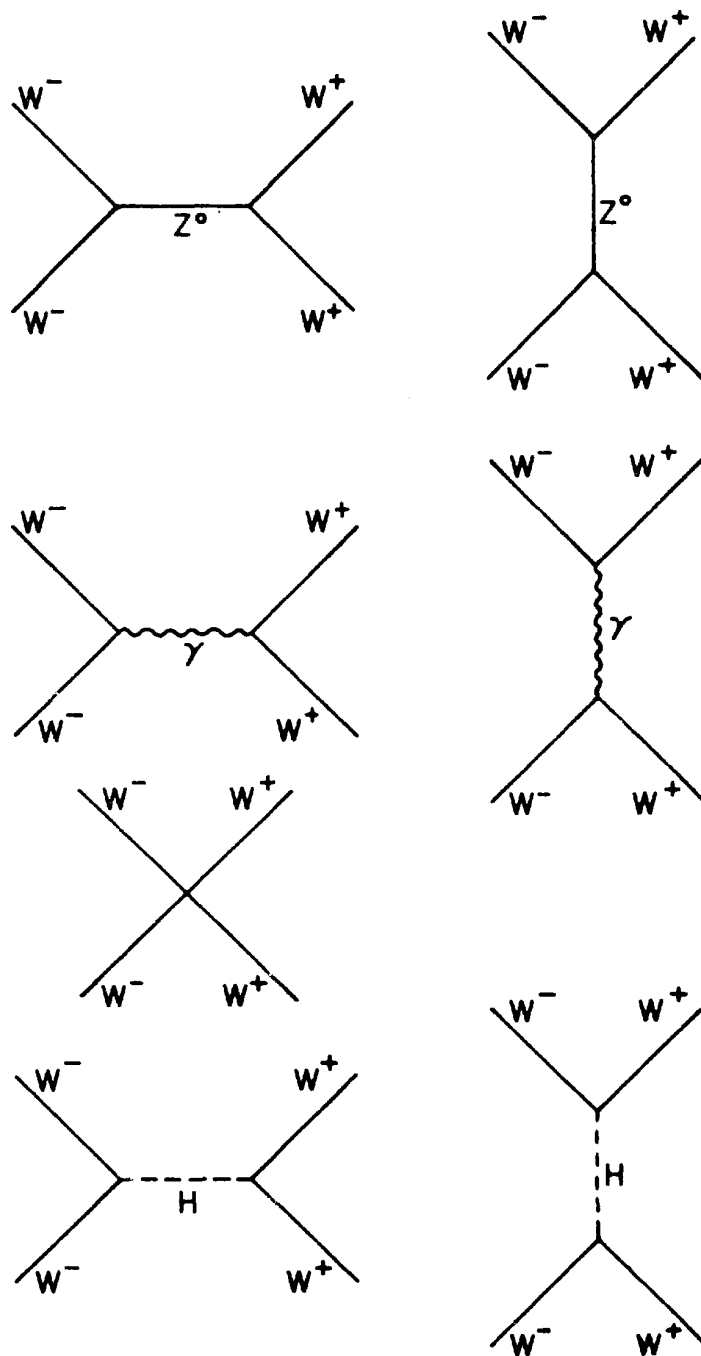
*Higgs boson*: massive particle with spin zero  
hides electroweak symmetry  
gives mass to  $W$  and  $Z$   
gives mass to electron, quarks, etc.

Theory does not predict Higgs-boson mass

*Not yet observed!*



# Gedankenexperiment



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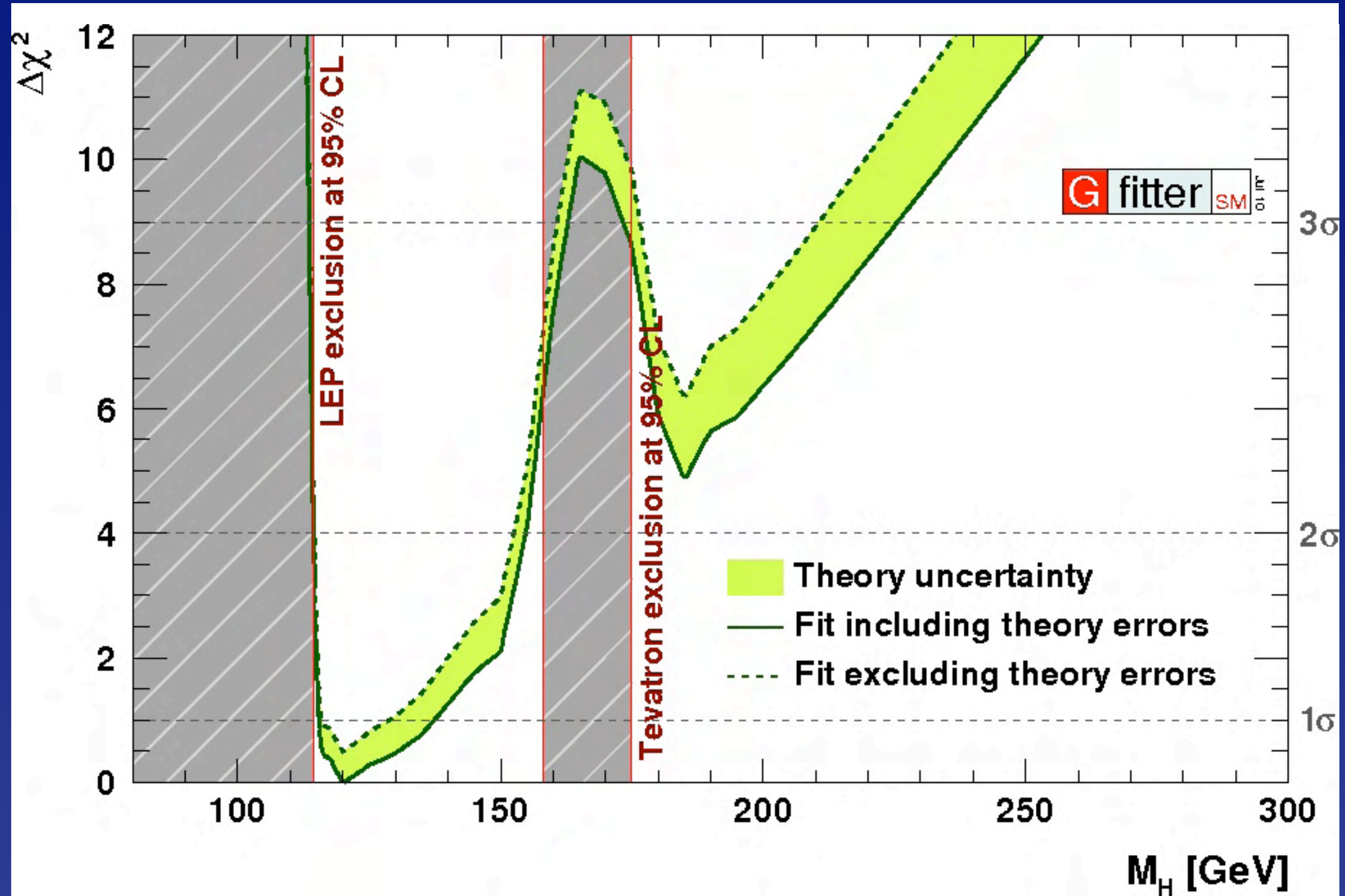
The Strength of Weak Interactions at Very High Energies and the Higgs Boson Mass

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ABSTRACT

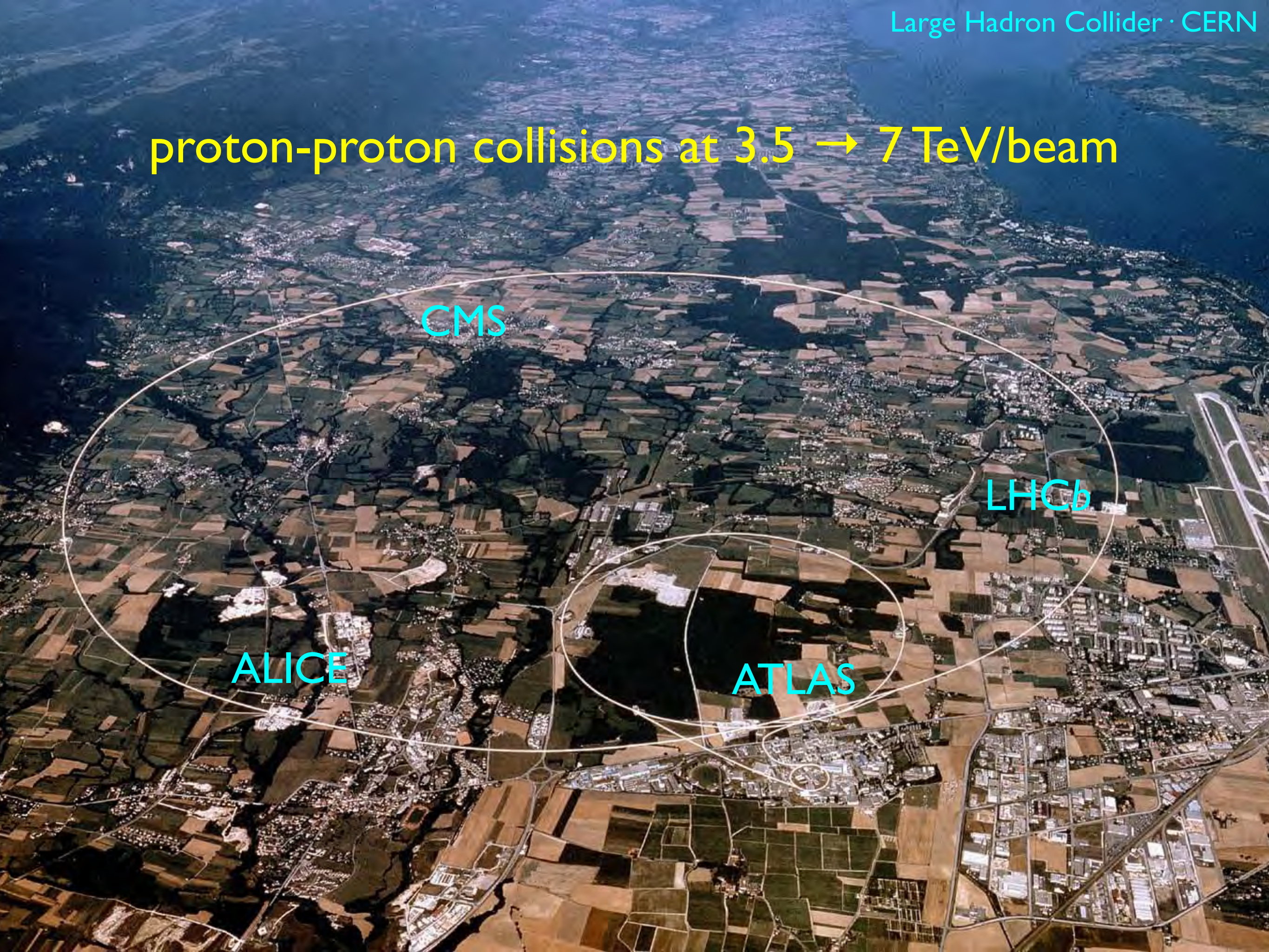
We show that if the Higgs boson mass exceeds  $M_c = (8\pi\sqrt{2}/3G_F)^{1/2}$ , partial-wave unitarity is not respected by the tree diagrams for two-body reactions of gauge bosons, and the weak interactions must become strong.

# Where the (standard) Higgs boson might be





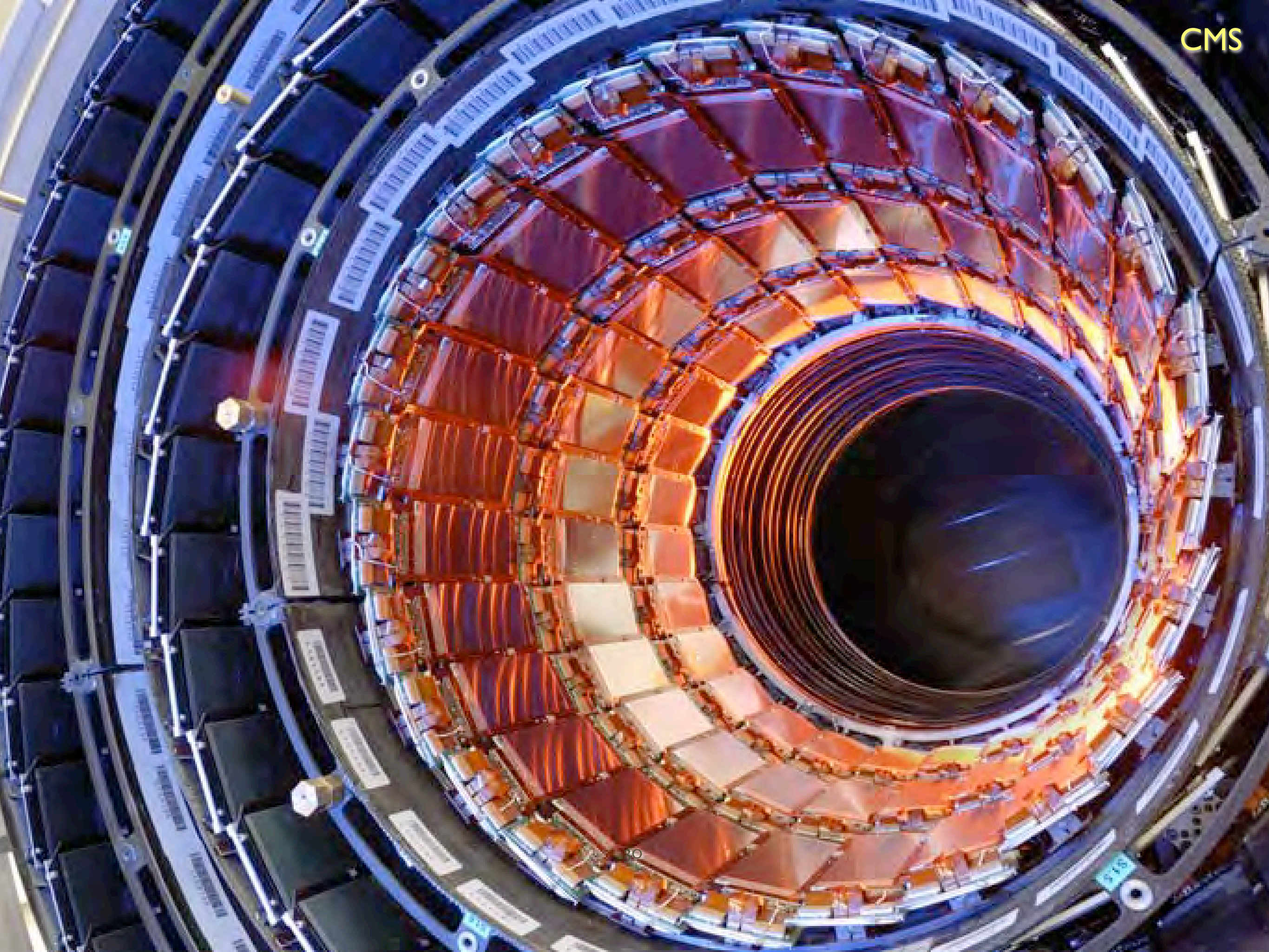
proton-proton collisions at  $3.5 \rightarrow 7 \text{ TeV/beam}$



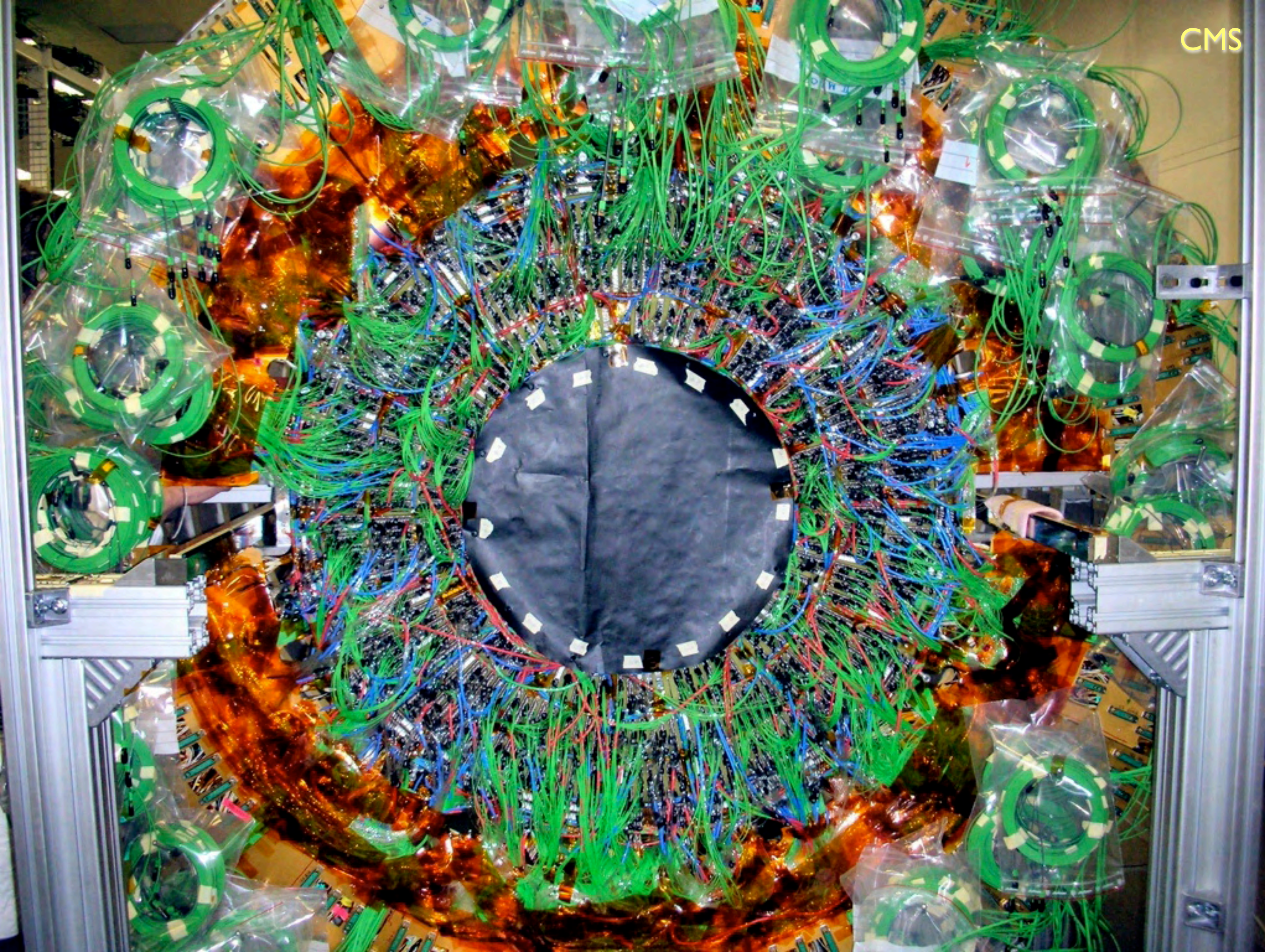




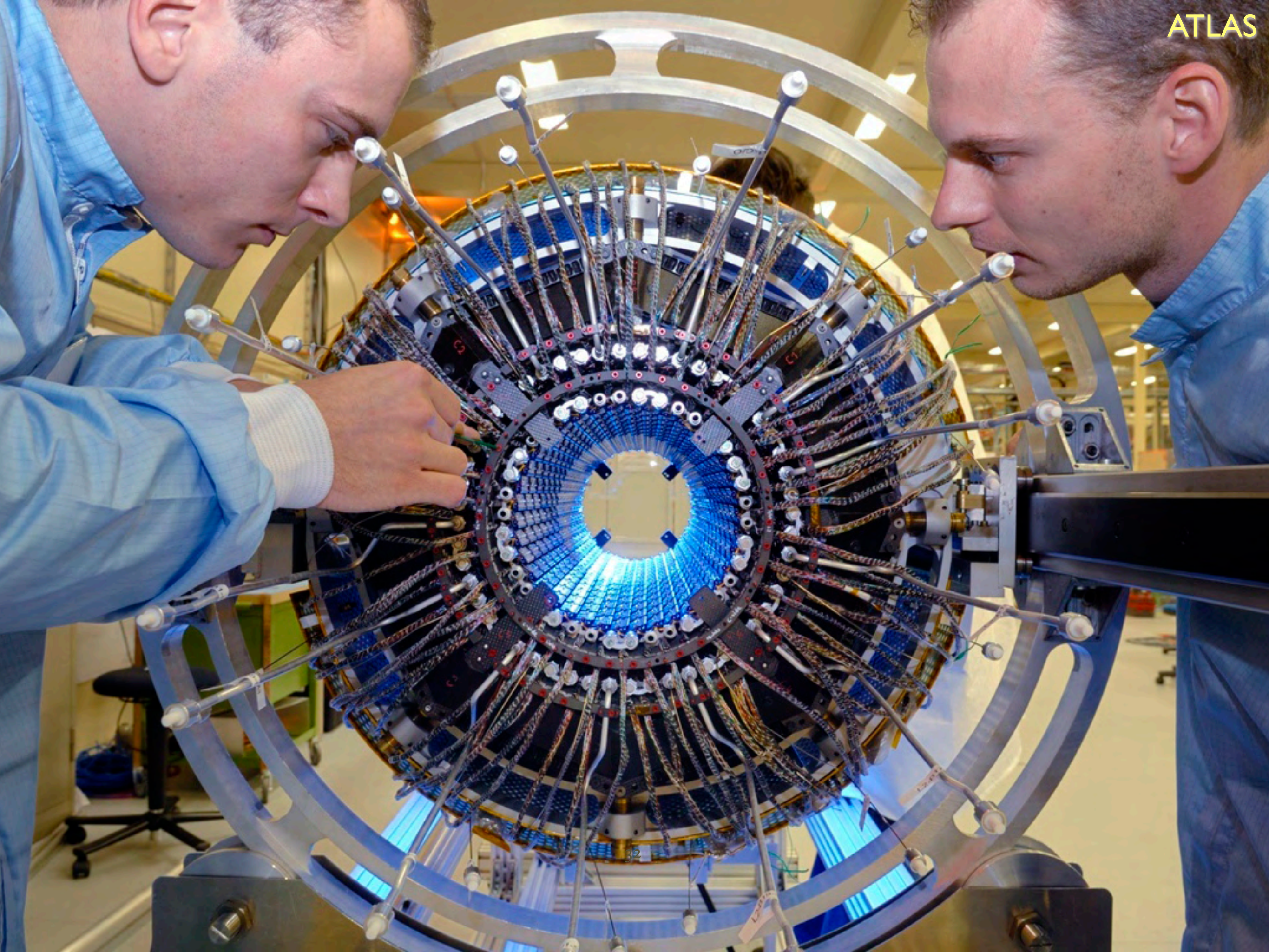




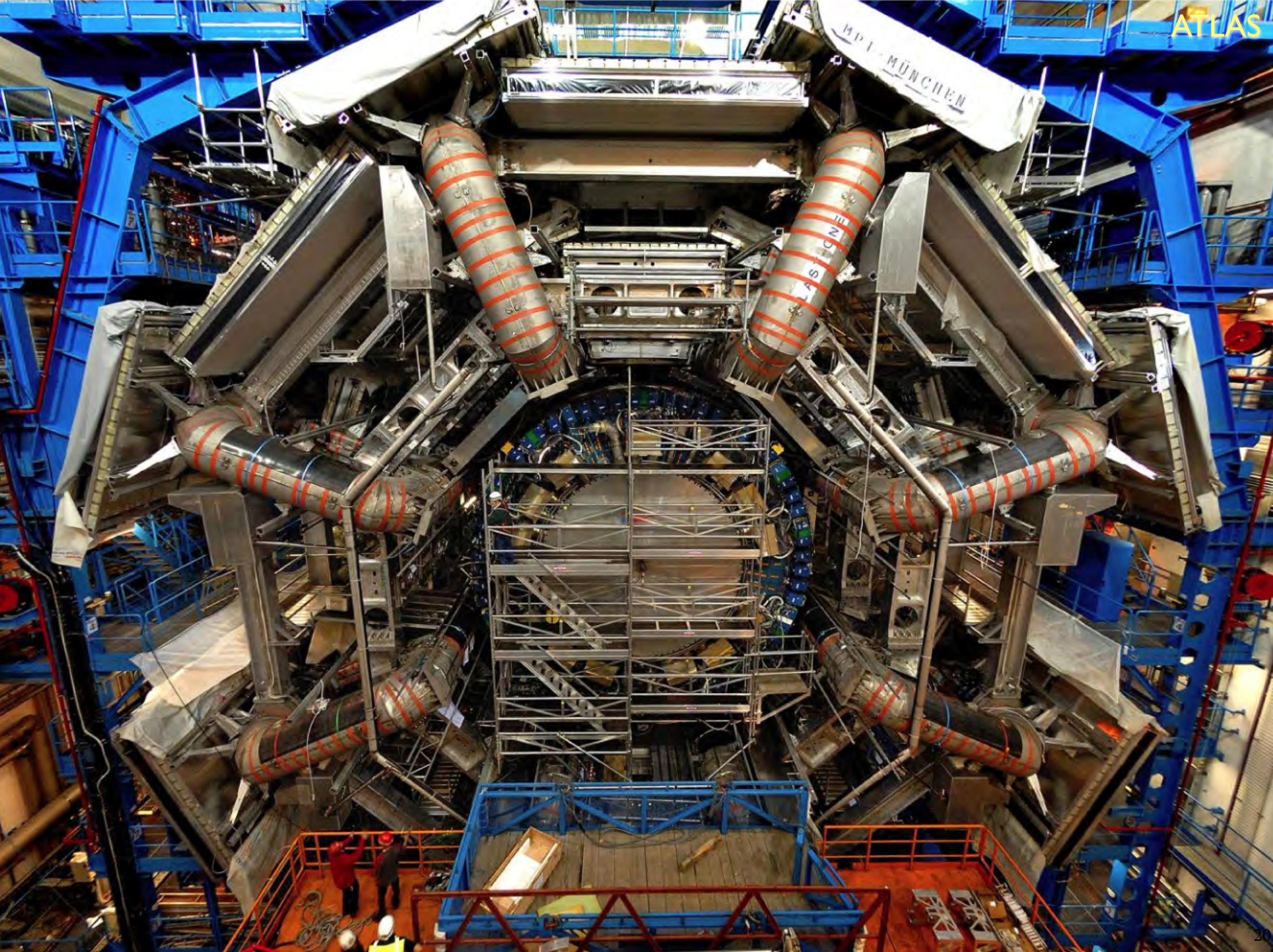




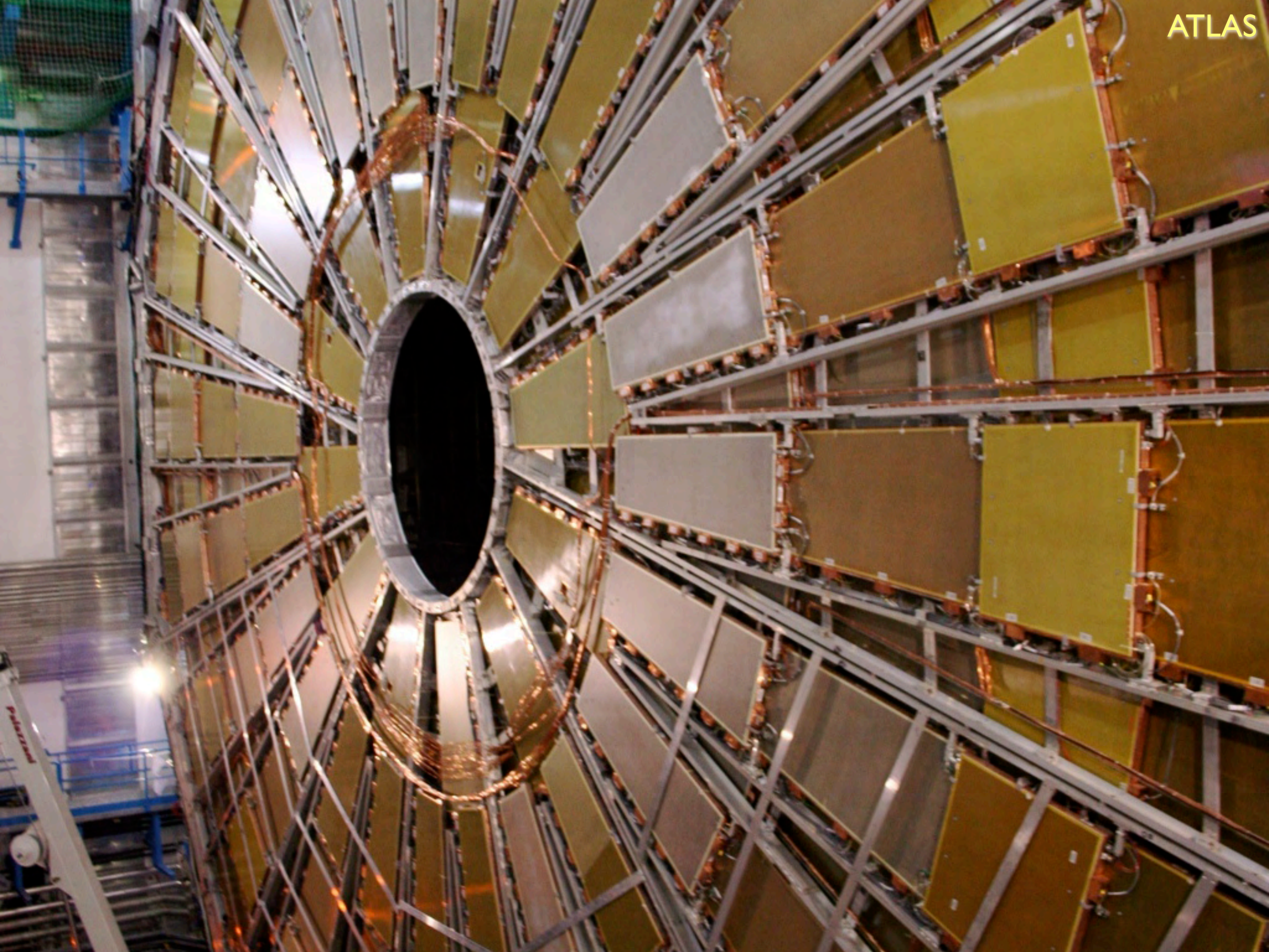
















Fabiola Gianotti (ATLAS) : *If we do not find the Higgs boson, that means that the theory is just wrong!*



# What hides the electroweak symmetry?

- New kind of force? (Higgs boson)
- New force from a new symmetry?
- Residual force from strong dynamics?
- Echo of extra spacetime dimensions?

Which path has nature taken?



# Why will it matter?

## Understanding the everyday ...

Why atoms?

Why chemistry?

Why stable structures?



## *Without a Higgs mechanism ...*

Electron and quarks would have no mass

QCD would confine quarks into protons, etc.

*Proton mass little changed*

*Surprise: QCD would hide EW symmetry,  
give tiny masses to W, Z*

Massless electron: atoms lose integrity

No atoms means no chemistry, no stable  
composite structures like liquids, solids, ...

*... character of the physical world  
would be profoundly changed*



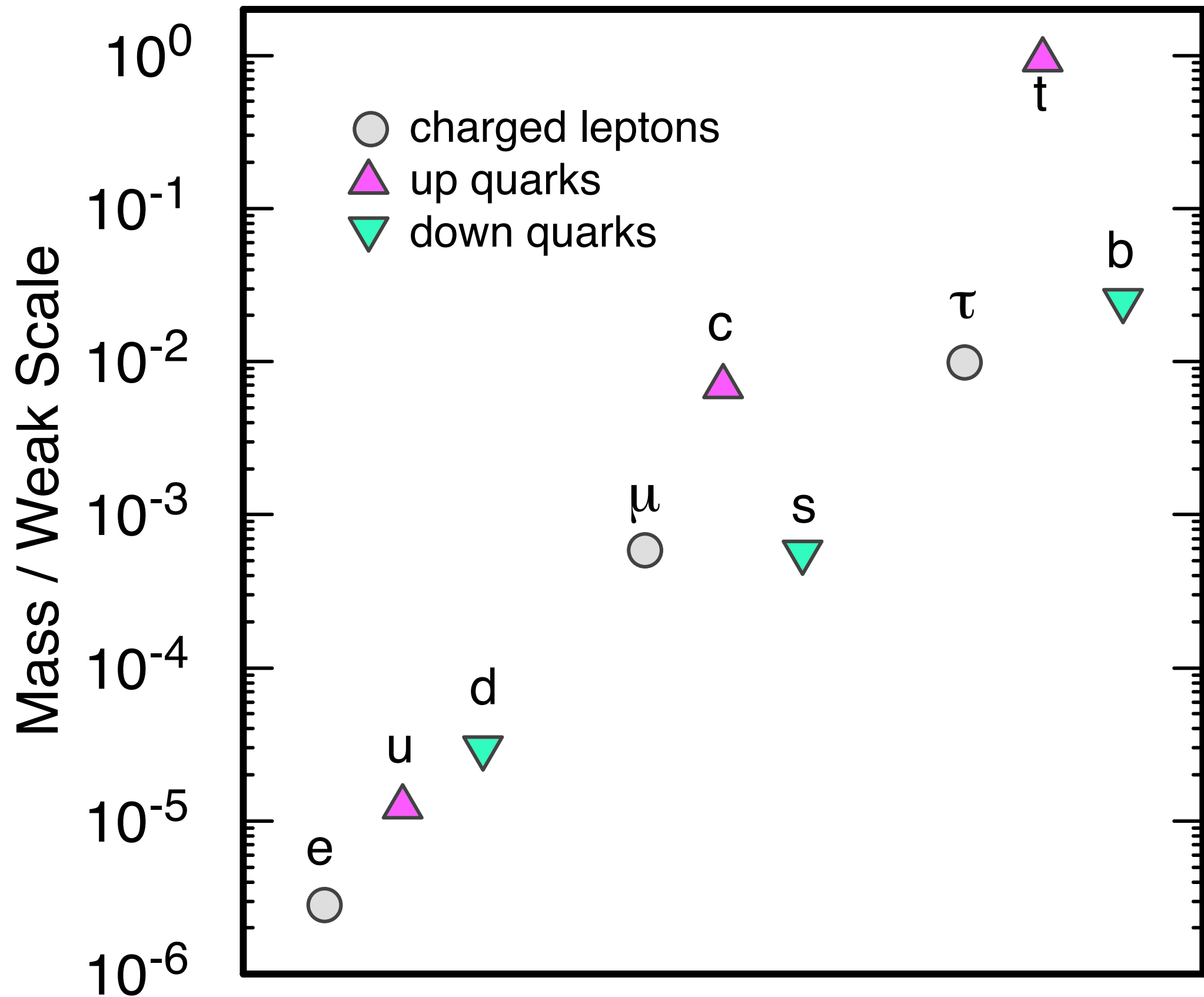
Much more to learn ...



# Revolution: the meaning of identity

- What makes a top quark a top quark and an electron an electron?
- What sets masses of quarks & leptons?

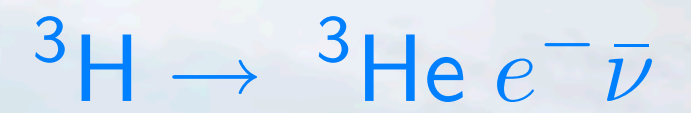




Higgs boson knows something we don't know!

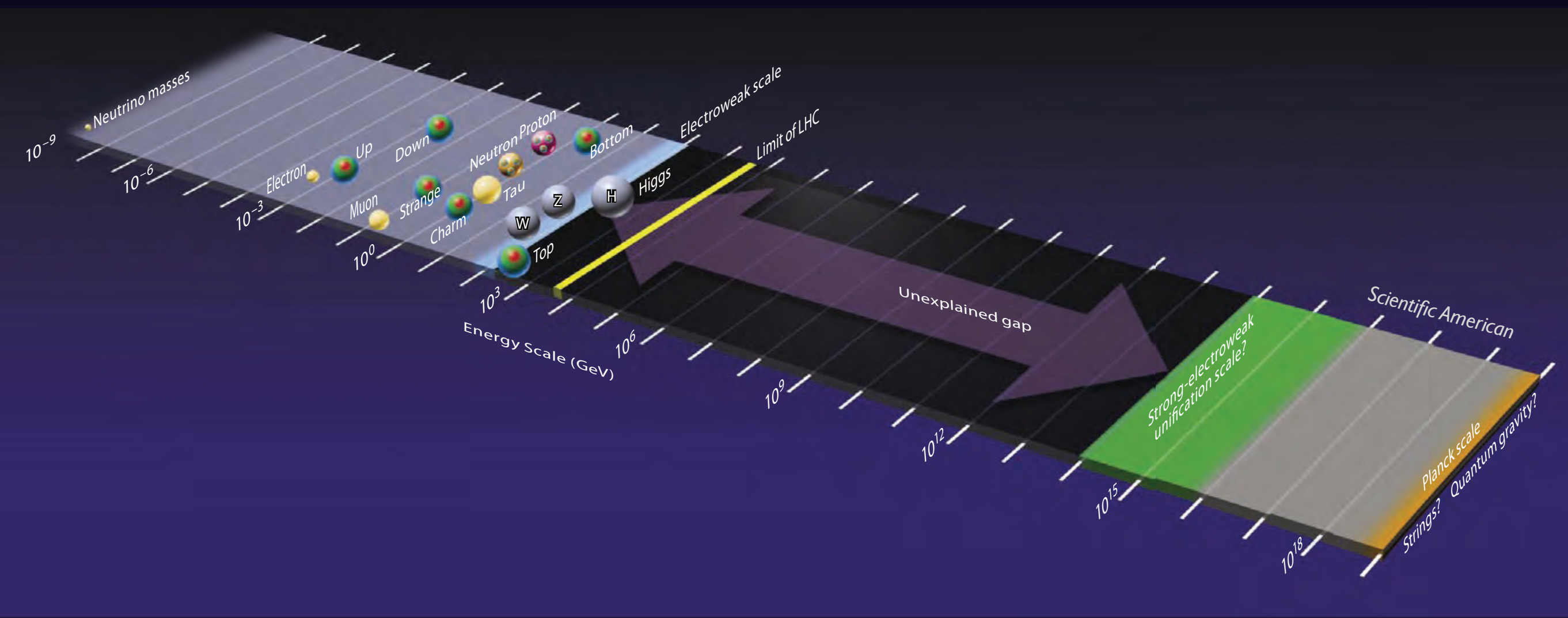


KATRIN aims at 0.2 eV





# An electroweak puzzle: Does $M_H < 1 \text{ TeV}$ make sense? *The peril of quantum corrections*





# How to separate electroweak, higher scales?

Extend electroweak theory on the 1-TeV scale ...

composite Higgs boson

technicolor / topcolor

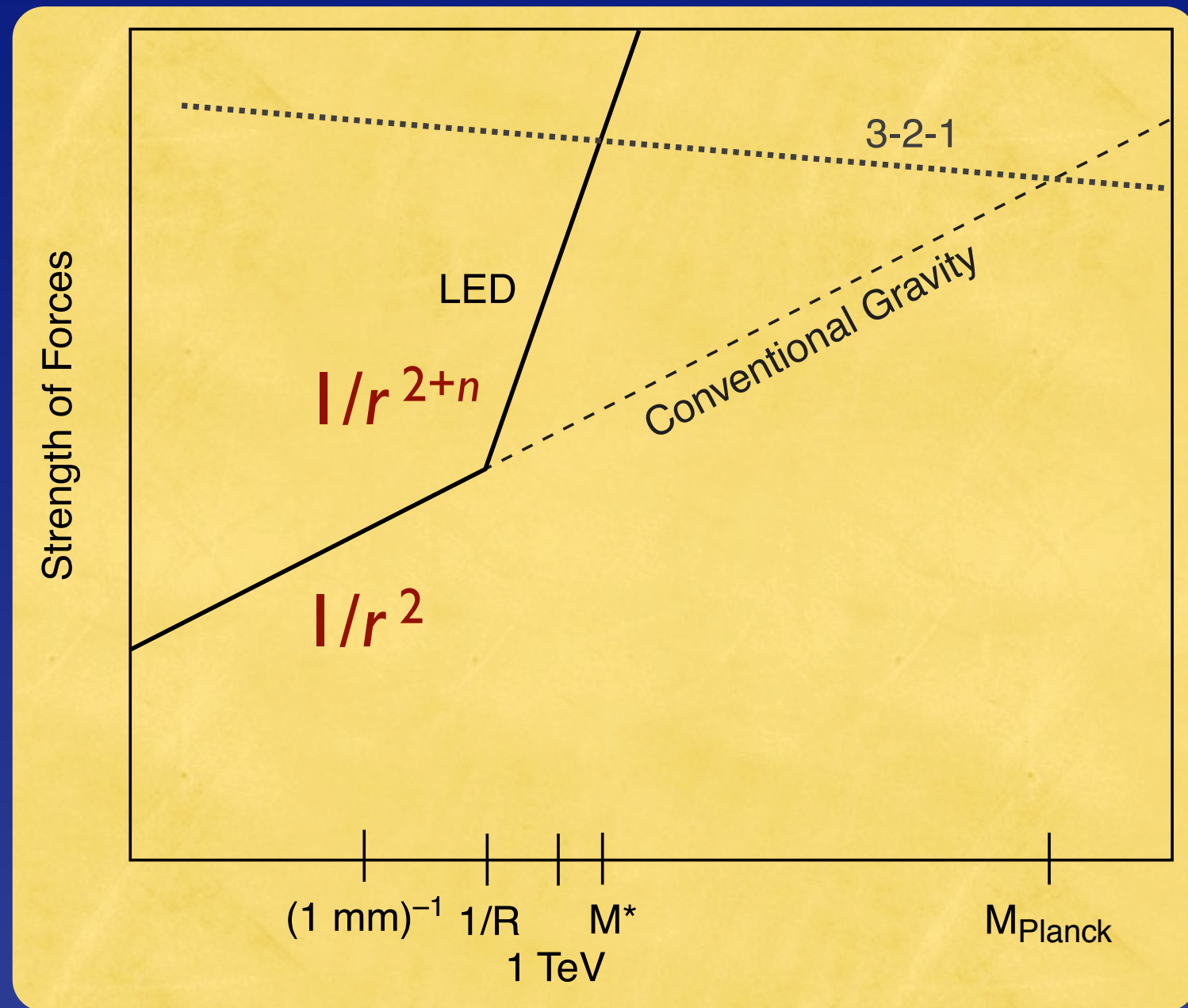
supersymmetry

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Ask instead why gravity is so weak



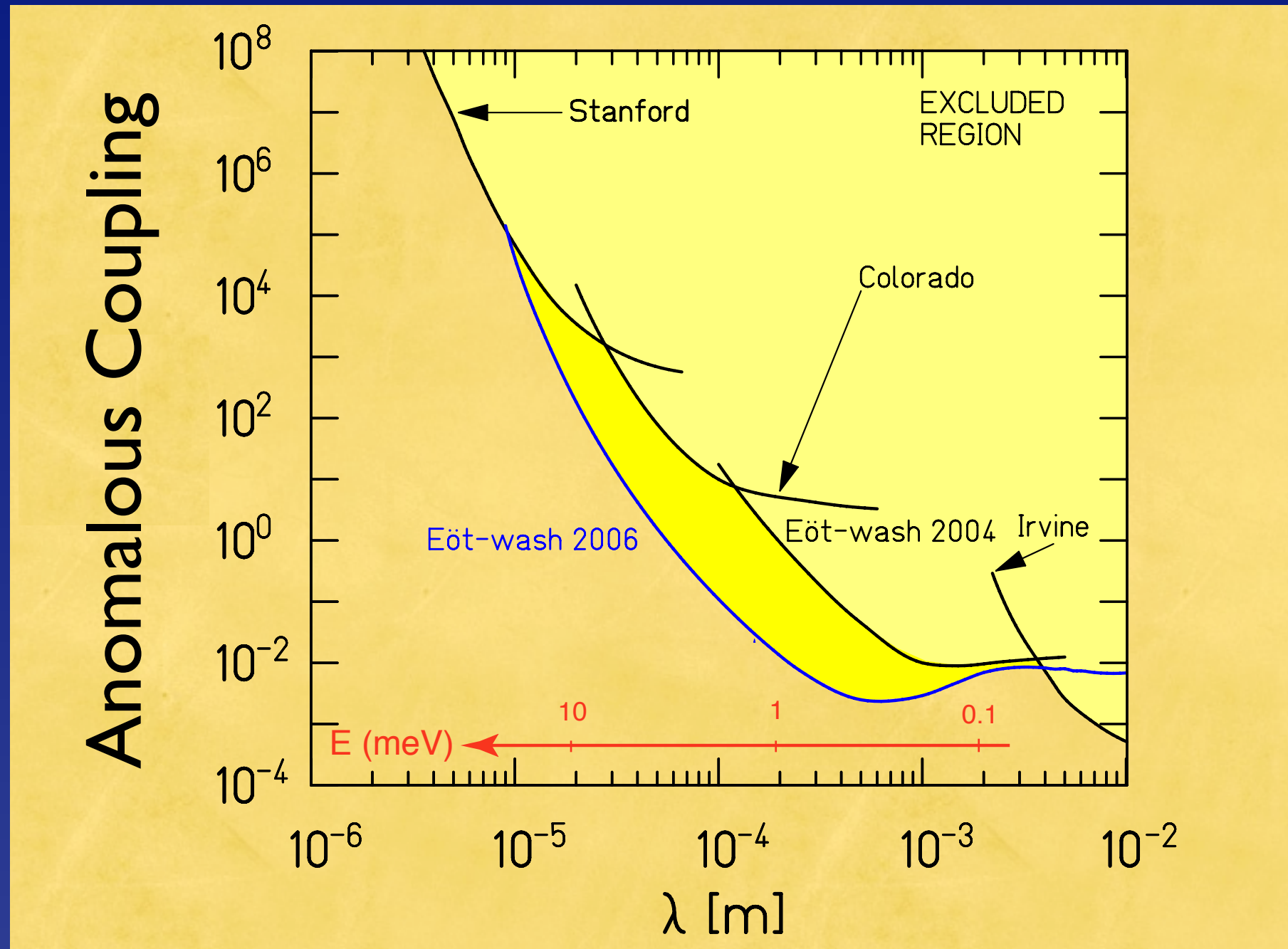
Suppose at scale  $R$  ... gravity propagates in  $4+n$  dimensions



$M_{\text{Planck}}$  would be a mirage!



Gravity follows Newtonian force law down to  $\approx 1$  mm





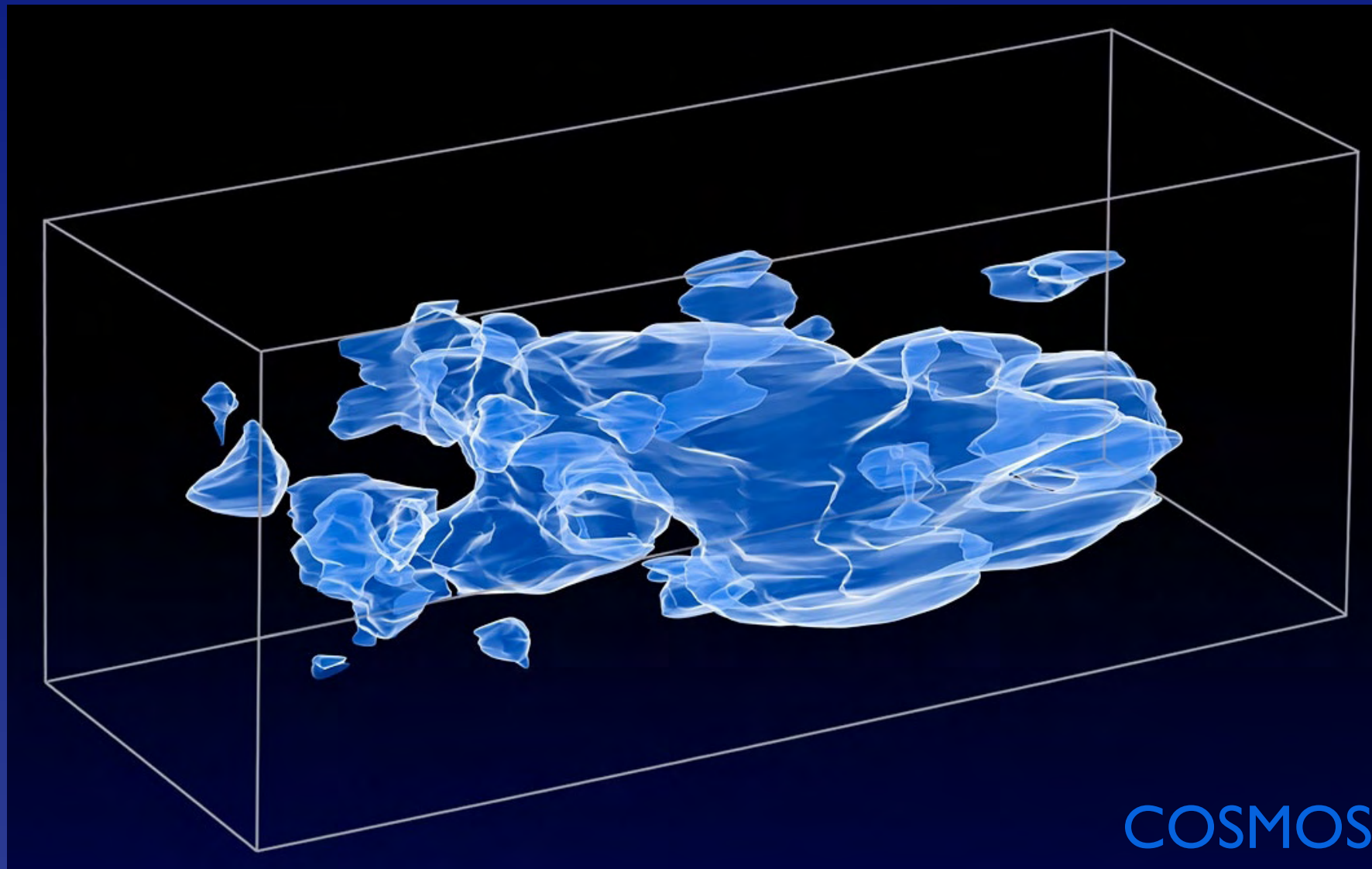
## Another “minor” problem

- Higgs field fills all of space with energy density  $10^{28}$  g/liter
- But empty space weighs next to nothing:  $< 10^{-26}$  g/liter
- New evidence that vacuum energy is present (accelerating universe)



# More New physics in the LHC range?

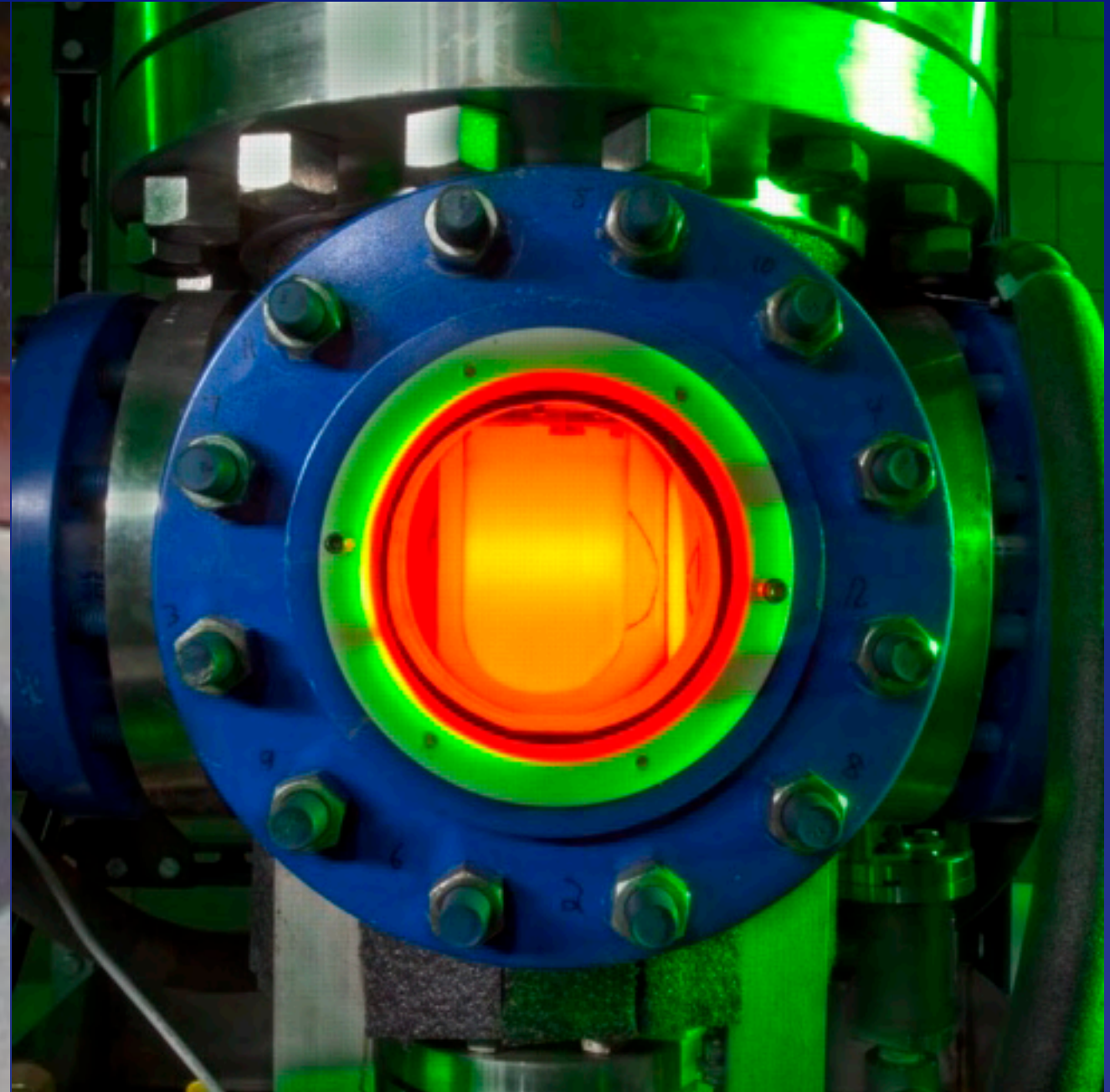
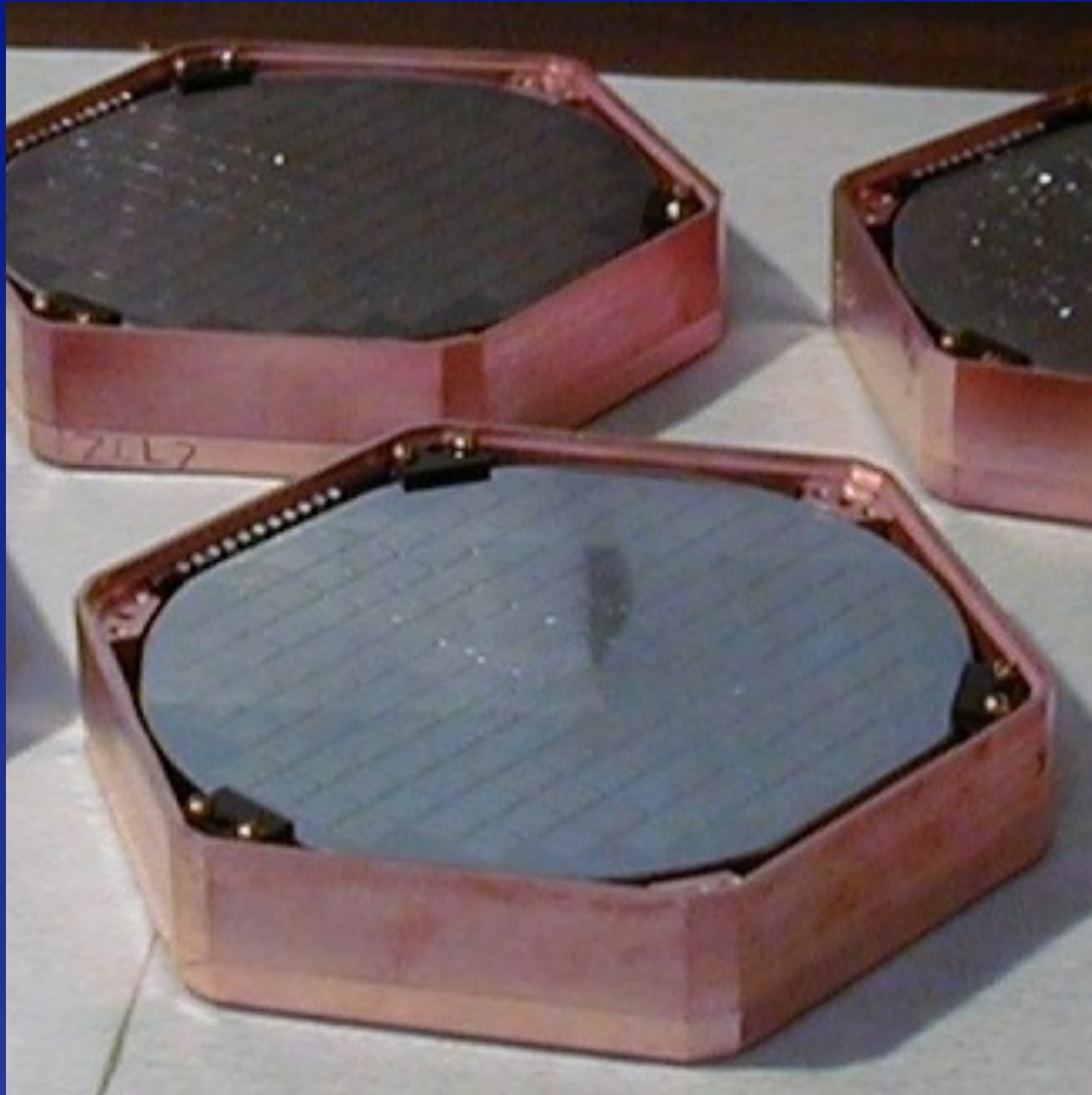
If dark matter interacts weakly ...



... its likely mass is 0.1 to 1 TeV



# Dark matter relics of the big bang?





# Revolution:

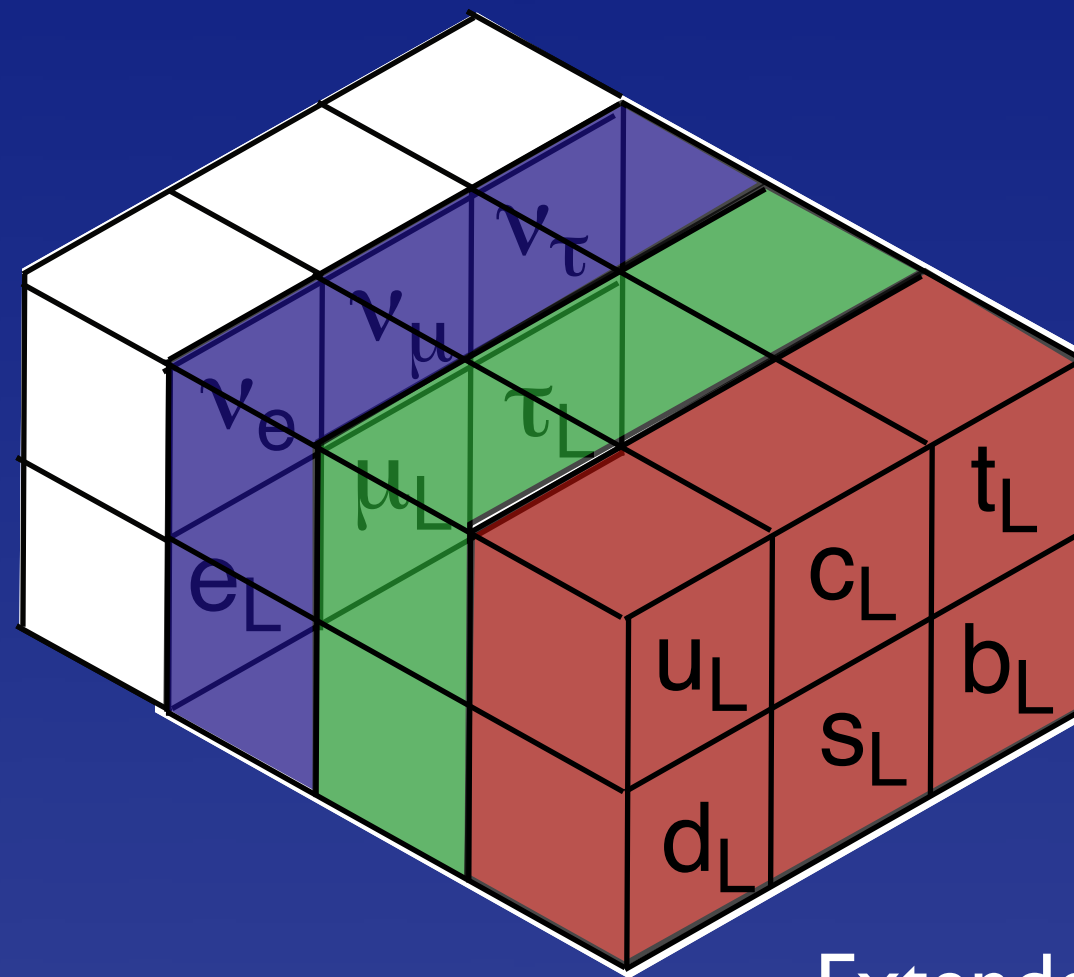
## Unity of Quarks & Leptons

- What do quarks and leptons have in common?
- Why are atoms neutral?



# Conjectured Law of Nature?

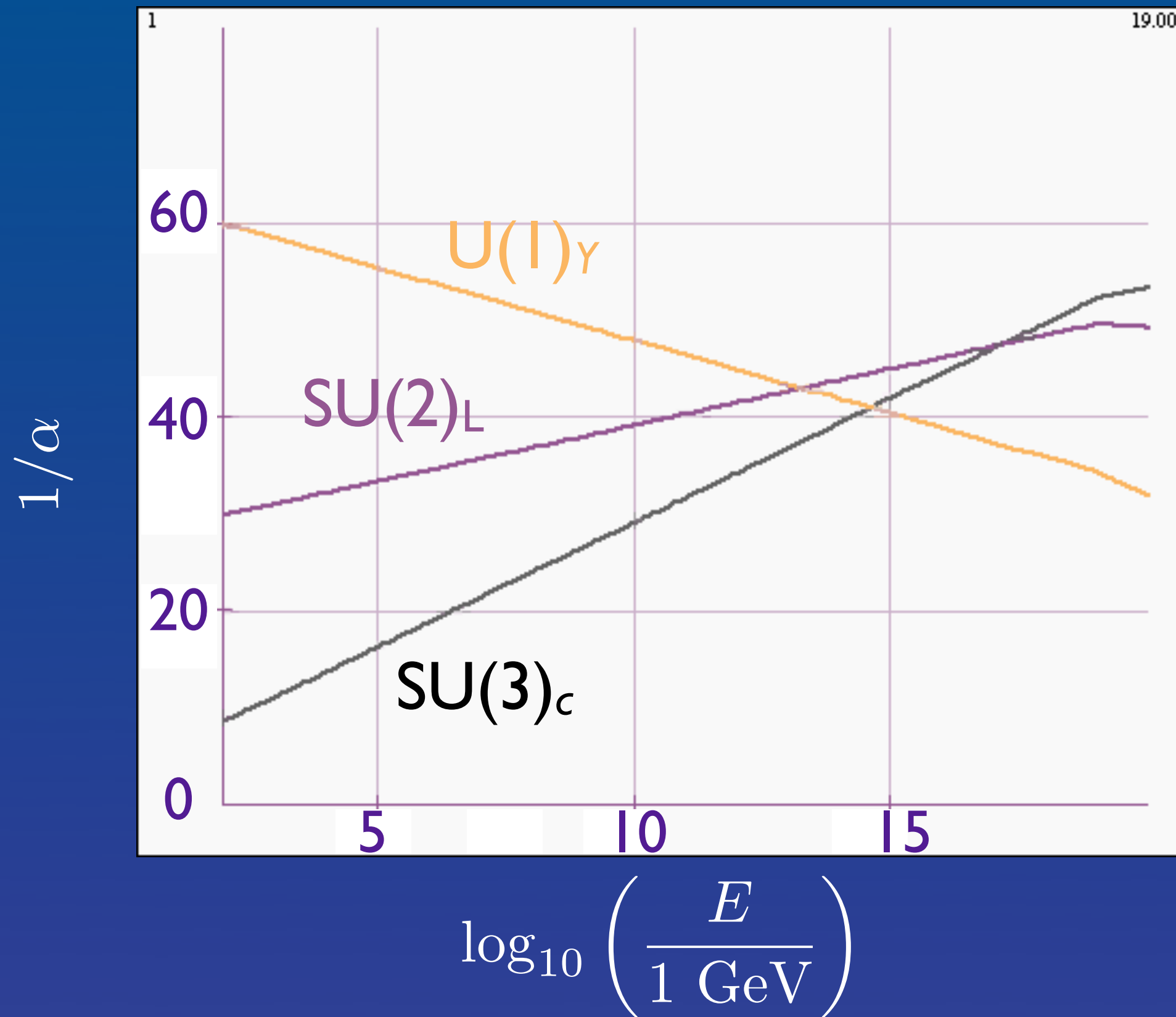
A symmetry among quarks and leptons ...  
... would have to be a hidden symmetry



Extended quark–lepton families:  
proton decay!



# Unification of Forces?

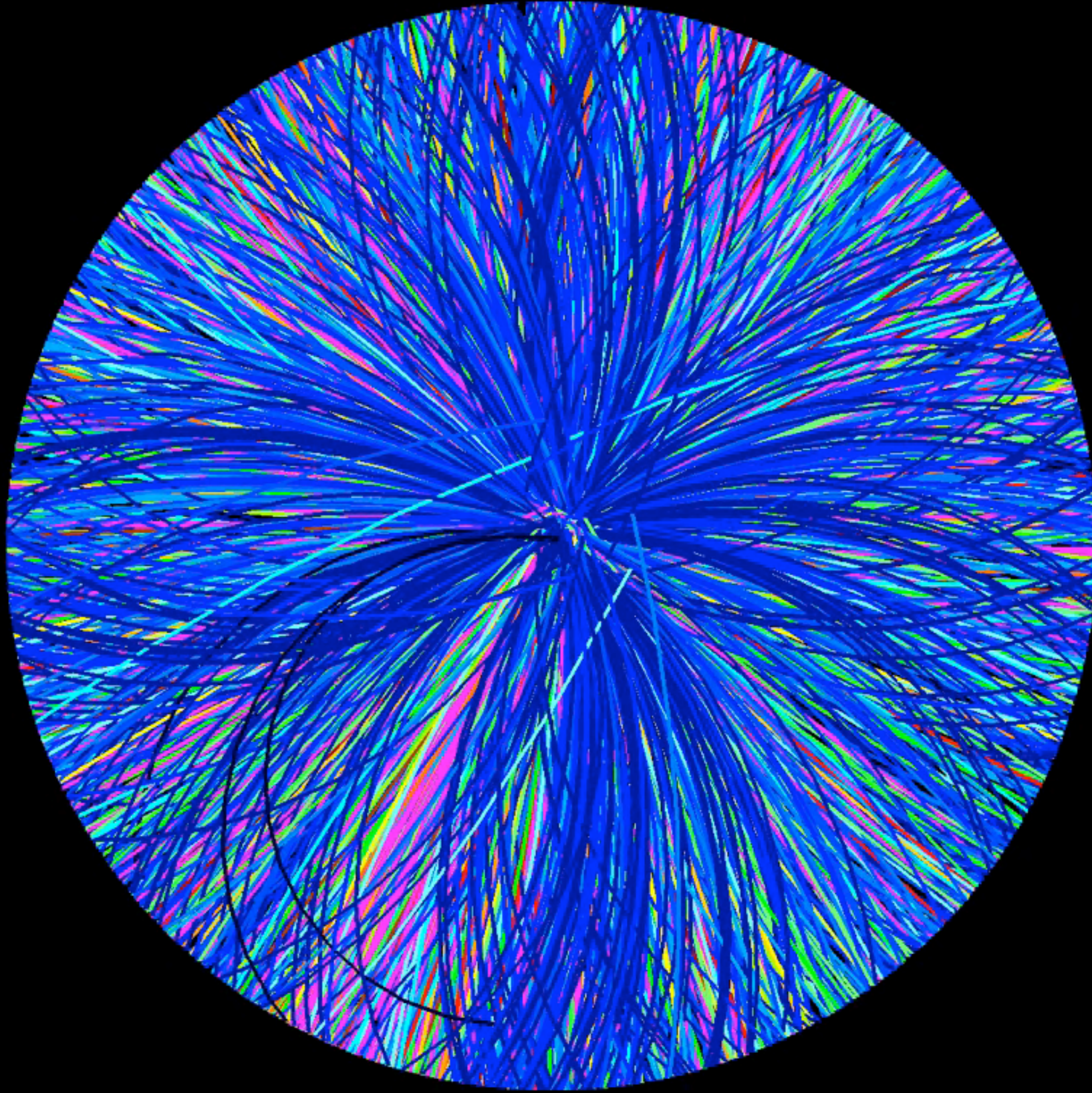




Connections ...



# ALICE Experiment: Pb-Pb Collisions at 287 TeV







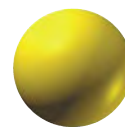


“It was as if, suddenly, we had broken into a walled orchard, where protected trees had flourished and all kinds of exotic fruits had ripened in great profusion.”

— Cecil Powell  
1950 Nobel Prize

Figure 1.6. Four examples of the decay of a pion into a muon, followed by the subsequent decay of the muon into an electron. These processes were discovered by Powell and his collaborators using nuclear emulsions. (From C. F. Powell, P. H. Fowler and D. H. Perkins (1959). *The study of elementary particles by the photographic method*, page 245, Plate 8-5, Oxford: Pergamon Press.)





# THE COMING REVOLUTIONS IN PARTICLE PHYSICS

The current Standard Model of particle physics begins to unravel when probed much beyond the range of current particle accelerators. So no matter what the Large Hadron Collider finds, it is going to take physics into new territory **By Chris Quigg**



## KEY CONCEPTS

- The Large Hadron Collider (LHC) is certain to find *something* new and provocative as it presses into unexplored territory.
- The Standard Model of particle physics requires a particle known as the Higgs boson, or a stand-in to play its role, at energies probed by the LHC. The Higgs, in turn, poses deep questions of its own, whose answers should be found in the same energy range.
- These phenomena revolve around the question of symmetry. Symmetries underlie the interactions of the Standard Model but are not always reflected in the operation of the model. Understanding why not is a key question.

—The Editors

**W**hen physicists are forced to give a single-word answer to the question of why we are building the Large Hadron Collider (LHC), we usually reply “Higgs.” The Higgs particle—the last remaining undiscovered piece of our current theory of matter—is the marquee attraction. But the full story is much more interesting. The new collider provides the greatest leap in capability of any instrument in the history of particle physics. We do not know what it will find, but the discoveries we make and the new puzzles we encounter are certain to change the face of particle physics and to echo through neighboring sciences.

In this new world, we expect to learn what distinguishes two of the forces of nature—electromagnetism and the weak interactions—with broad implications for our conception of the everyday world. We will gain a new understanding of simple and profound questions: Why are there atoms? Why chemistry? What makes stable structures possible?

The search for the Higgs particle is a pivotal step, but only the first step. Beyond it lie phenomena that may clarify why gravity is so much weaker than the other forces of nature and that could reveal what the unknown dark matter that fills the universe is. Even deeper lies the prospect of insights into the different forms of matter, the unity of outwardly distinct particle categories and the nature of spacetime. The questions in play all seem linked to one another and to the knot of problems that motivated the prediction of the Higgs particle to begin with. The LHC will help us refine these questions and will set us on the road to answering them.

## The Matter at Hand

What physicists call the “Standard Model” of particle physics, to indicate that it is still a work in progress, can explain much about the known world. The main elements of the Standard Model fell into place during the heady days of the 1970s and 1980s, when waves of landmark experimental discoveries engaged emerging theoretical ideas in productive conversation. Many particle physicists look on the past 15 years as an era of consolidation in contrast to the ferment of earlier decades. Yet even as the Standard Model has gained ever more experimental support, a growing list of phenomena lies outside its purview, and new theoretical ideas have expanded our conception of what a richer and more comprehensive worldview might look like. Taken together, the continuing progress in experiment and theory point to a very lively decade ahead. Perhaps we will look back and see that revolution had been brewing all along.

Our current conception of matter comprises two main particle categories, quarks and leptons, together with three of the four known fundamental forces, electromagnetism and the strong and weak interactions [see box on page 48]. Gravity is, for the moment, left to the side. Quarks, which make up protons and neutrons, generate and feel all three forces. Leptons, the best known of which is the electron, are immune to the strong force. What distinguishes these two categories is a property akin to electric charge, called color. (This name is metaphorical; it has nothing to do with ordinary colors.) Quarks have color, and leptons do not.

The guiding principle of the Standard Model



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[www.physics.emory.edu/~weeks](http://www.physics.emory.edu/~weeks)

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